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Britain invites US to invest in atom plants

£40bn power contracts to follow privatization

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Government to-day launches an attempt to persuade American contractors and suppliers, especially builders of nuclear power plants, to invest in the British electricity industry.

Mr Michael Spicer, Mr Cecil Parkinson's deputy at the Department of Energy, will tell a conference in Miami that there is £40 billion worth of generating and transmission plant to be supplied to Britain's soon-to-be-privatized electricity industry up to the end of the century.

He will say: "The Government will look with great interest to see whether new electricity producers will enter the field. It may well be for instance that there are generating companies in the US who will wish to invest in power stations in Britain. They will be welcome to do so."

He will promise them a regulatory regime which is less restrictive than in their own country and which "encourages newcomers".

Mr Spicer will emphasize at the electricity industry conference that the Government intends to reserve a section of the privatized industry specifically for the nuclear industry and the Government believes that American firms will jump at the chance of involvement in Britain.

After environmental scares and public pressure since the accident at Three Mile Island, Pennsylvania, no new order for nuclear plant has been placed in the US for more than five years.

Mr Spicer will tell his American audience: "We have left it open for the area distribution companies to place their orders for nuclear or renewable electricity supplies wherever they wish. In this way we have opened the way for private companies to invest in nuclear power."

Mr Spicer says that the Government is not "starry-eyed" about the difficulties of investing in new nuclear plant but he adds specifically that the American company, Duke Power, which he visited last September, "is an example of how successful private investment in nuclear power can be and there are several others in the US".

He emphasizes that there is a vital strategic need for non-fossil fuels to be a contributor to Britain's energy plans and adds: "For the foreseeable future that will I suspect largely be made by nuclear power."

Ministers believe that the £40 billion building programme for which they are seeking huge inward investment in Britain will be worth up to 70,000 jobs over the years to come.

They are looking for American investors to take a sizeable proportion of stock when the £37 billion British electricity industry is privatized.

Mr Spicer, coincidentally, was Minister for Aviation when British Airways was privatized. There was then a ceiling of about 20 per cent placed on foreign investment so that the status of the airline as a British national carrier was preserved for air licensing purposes.

There need not be such a low ceiling over the privatization of an electricity industry whose assets will remain fixed in Britain and American investors are expected to take up more than the 12 to 15 per cent stake they took in British Airways.

If there is to be a limit and what any such limit should be on US participation has not yet been determined.

Mr Spicer will tell the Americans: "An industry with 20 times the asset base of British Airways is likely to cause some interest in US financial circles".

The Government's additional aim in inviting in foreign capital and American generating companies is to stimulate the British industry into greater competitiveness, not just in an attempt to bring down prices to the British consumer but in an effort to turn Britain into a net exporter of electricity.

At present Britain imports about 4-5 per cent of its power needs from France.

Ministers have their eye on the 1992 creation of the single European market. First they want to be in a position to fend off competition from the Continent in power supply when that comes. But they are also hoping to turn around the present situation and make Britain a net exporter.

The West German coal industry, for example, is subsidized by about £1 billion a year while ministers hope to see British Coal break even next year and stand on its own feet in the years to come.

In his first policy speech to an expert audience since the terms or privatization were announced, Mr Spicer also hints at the regulatory system to be imposed on the electricity industry and confirms the timing of the Government plans.

He will tell the Americans that their regulatory systems are too bureaucratic, being based on the regulation of profits, which involves interference at many levels.

Mr Spicer: Check on prices, not profits

Details of the British regulatory system are yet to be worked out.

● Several thousand gallons of slightly radio-active water leaked into the Hudson from a nuclear power station north of New York last week, but officials said there was no health risk. The water seeped out of a storage tank at the Indian Point No 2 reactor.

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CBI report predicts output rise

By David Young

A sharp increase in investment and two years of strong growth in manufacturing output have been predicted by the Confederation of British Industry after its detailed review of the Budget.

The CBI also publishes its monthly economic forecast today, which shows strong order books despite the rise of sterling. It expects a rapid growth in output in the next four months.

The optimistic prospects indicate that the momentum of economic recovery is being maintained, the CBI adds.

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Jackson's sweeping victory

Decisive support by black voters

From Christopher Thomas Washington

The Rev Jesse Jackson scored another stunning victory in his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination with an overwhelming triumph in Michigan.

Black turnout was heavy and the white vote was sluggish, a combination that gave him a lead far more decisive than any of the opinion polls had anticipated. The state is 12 per cent black and it appears that Mr Jackson received a relatively small proportion of the white vote.

Overall, Mr Jackson seems to have captured about 10 per cent of the white vote in states that have held primaries and caucuses. Part of his success lies in an unprecedented drive to get out the black vote.

Mr Michael Dukakis, Governor of Massachusetts, came second. A decisive victory would have given him an opportunity to describe himself as the front-runner, but it is clear that the fight for the nomination will go all the way to the national convention.

Mr Richard Gephardt, a member of the House of Representatives from Missouri, came a poor third and is considering pulling out of the contest.

Michigan was tailor-made for his attempt to appeal to blue-collar workers, but his semi-protectionist message did not catch fire, despite the damage that imports have inflicted on the Detroit car industry.

The next important contest is tomorrow in Connecticut, a state where Mr Dukakis ought to do well. He and Mr Jackson are virtually neck-and-neck.

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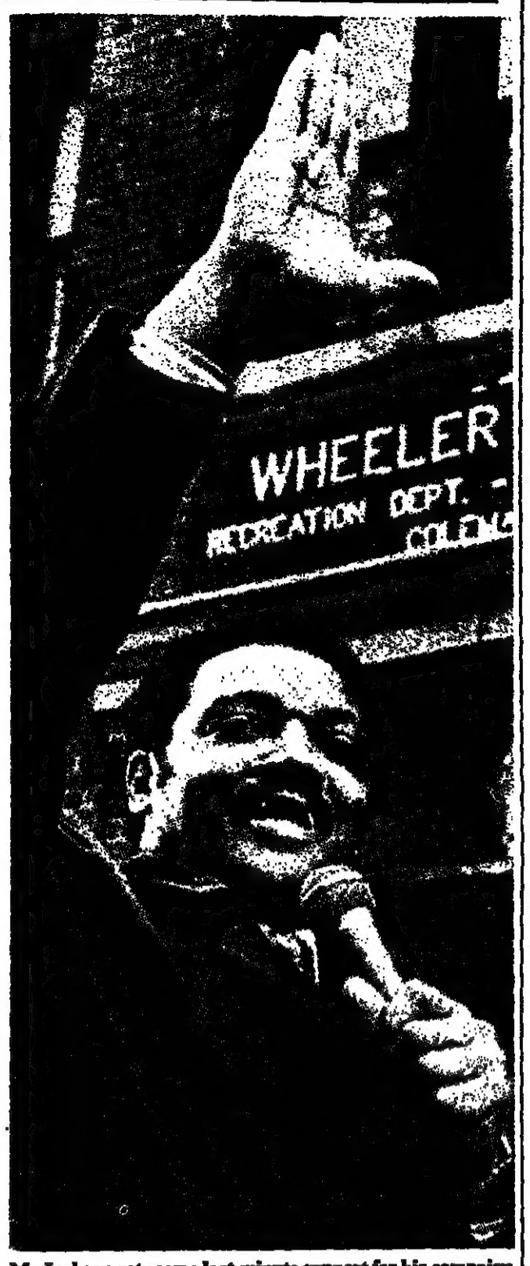

Mr Jackson gets some last-minute support for his campaign in Detroit's suburbs from television personality Kim Fields.

Deal close on extradition of IRA suspects

By John Cooney

The British and Irish governments are expected to settle their differences within the next few days on procedures for extraditing IRA suspects from Dublin.

Civil servants from the offices of Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, the Attorney General, and Mr John Murray, his Irish counterpart, began talks to resolve the dispute before the recent spate of funeral killings and they have been given new impetus by the belief that some of those implicated in the murder nine days ago of the two Royal Signals corporals in west Belfast have fled south.

Mr Brian Lenihan, the Irish Republic's foreign minister, yesterday confidently forecast a solution in the wake of assurances he received from Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, at their meeting last Friday.

It is understood that Britain has agreed that Sir Patrick will observe the Irish stipulations which he has previously refused to operate.

Mrs Thatcher then sharply rebuked the Irish Government, saying that the moves would make it harder rather than easier to bring IRA terrorists to justice and that they made Britain the least-favoured nation in Europe in seeking extraditions from Dublin. She called the Irish stipulations "a step backwards".

But Mrs Thatcher has apparently been persuaded by Mr King, with the aid of Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, that wider security considerations apply and that the Irish requirements should be met.

The disputed section of the Irish Act involves Sir Patrick supplying a certificate upholding the validity of extradition warrant requests and providing documents outlining the basic case against the suspect.

He has been sending extradition requests backed only by a note that the prosecution had satisfied itself of the prima facie evidence. The Irish authorities have rejected this as insufficient.

Speaking on Irish radio yesterday, Mr Lenihan said that Sir Patrick would have to disclose that there was a case warranting an extradition and that he would also enclose a summary of evidence against the person being sought for trial.

The bulk of Mr Lenihan's interview dealt with the outcome of Friday's meeting of the Anglo-Irish conference in London.

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Among the positive achievements was the broadening of the agenda away from merely security issues to improvements in the social and economic conditions of the Catholic minority in west Belfast.

Mr Lenihan said that the Irish Government would make suggestions on ending job discrimination against Catholics before the publication by the British government in June of a fair employment code.

He also welcomed the British Government's decision to consider reform of the court system in Northern Ireland.

The appointment of three judges to the non-jury anti-terrorist Diplock courts to replace the existing one-judge system would be considered again.

Mr James Molyneaux, the Official Unionist leader, proposed on Saturday that talks could be held with the Irish government outside the framework of the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

Miners in rush to beat redundancy deadline

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Seven thousand miners have left the industry in the past two weeks in a rush to beat a deadline set by British Coal which gave them an extra £5,000 in redundancy payments.

The much-publicized enhanced redundancy payment scheme ran out on Friday, the last day of British Coal's financial year.

A total of 20,000 people, including 16,000 miners, left the industry in the past 12 months in which the scheme was operating. Of these, 18,300 took the extra redundancy. The rest left for other reasons, such as retirement.

The current pit closure programme, in which five mines closed during March, also ended on Friday.

During the past 12 months, 16 mines have closed, leaving 96 in operation employing about 90,000 miners, a little more than half the number at the start of the 1984-85 miners' strike.

British Coal said: "This is the biggest restructuring of any British industry in modern times. Productivity has risen 60 per cent in three years and costs have been reduced by 22 per cent.

"Unfortunately, we have had to reduce prices by 15 per cent to compete with fierce market conditions", a spokesman said.

Sir Robert Haslam, chairman of British Coal, is determined that the industry will break even in the financial year which begins today after a long period of big losses. He has said that provided industrial relations remained stable, there would be no more dramatic pit closures.

From today, miners wishing to take redundancy will receive payments of £700 for each year of complete service from the age of 30, £450 a year for service between the ages of 20 and 29, and £250 between the ages of 16 and 20.

The maximum payment available to miners aged 60, with a lifetime in the industry, will be reduced to £30,000.

Mr Ted Scott, NUM branch secretary at the Stillingfleet, Selby, colliery, North Yorkshire, who was dismissed last July after allegations that he had organized 51 wildcat strikes at a cost to the industry of £14 million, was amongst those who took advantage of the extra redundancy scheme.

Mr Scott, aged 50, was reinstated at another pit after he denied the charges and was awarded a four-figure sum on the eve of an industrial tribunal hearing.

Benn proposes an annual challenge

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Mr Tony Benn is threatening to throw the Labour Party into a state of permanent internal warfare in his determination to bring back a commitment to true socialist policies.

He has made plain to his supporters that he sees the six-month contest as only the first stage in an ideological struggle which he intends to continue after the result of the ballot is announced at Blackpool in October.

Even if he does not stand again himself, he expects an annual challenge to be mounted to Mr Neil Kinnock. He insisted: "It does not end with the electoral college in October."

While Mr Kinnock's supporters scoffed at Mr Benn's threat of repeated challenges to the leadership, they recognize an annual contest would be damaging as it will divert attention from opposing government policies and from their *Labour Listens* exercise.

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Vanunu jailed for 18 years

From Our Correspondent, Jerusalem

Mordechai Vanunu, the former Israeli nuclear technician found guilty last week of selling his country's atomic secrets to *The Sunday Times*, was sentenced here yesterday to 18 years' jail.

Vanunu was convicted on all three charges brought against him, two of collecting and disseminating information with intent to harm the security of the state, and one of treason. The first two charges carry a maximum life sentence, which in Israel means 20 years in jail, and the third carries in theory – but never in practice – a death sentence. Vanunu could be paroled after serving 12 years.

The judges rejected the defence's claim that Mr Vanunu had acted out of ideological motives, pointing out that some of the worst crimes in history had sought similar justification.

They said they would have had no hesitation in handing down the full 20-year sentence requested by the state but for two significant mitigating factors which led them to opt for a lighter sentence. First, Mr Vanunu had co-operated fully with his investigators. Second, he had been held and would probably continue to be held for some time to come, in solitary confinement.

The defendant's brother, Mr Asher Vanunu, said his family was preparing an international campaign to have the convictions annulled. Vanunu's lawyer, Mr Avigdor Feldman, submitted a petition signed by 20 scientists, including 12 Nobel Prize winners, at a hearing before the sentencing. He said after last Thursday's verdict that he would appeal against the conviction in the Supreme Court.

Vanunu was spirited to Israel from Rome in October, 1986, shortly after *The Sunday Times* published his revelations about the nuclear programme being carried out at the Dimona facility in southern Israel, where he had worked as a technician for several years.

KGB foils protests

Moscow – Heavy concentrations of Soviet military police and the KGB were used to prevent further large-scale street demonstrations over the weekend by Armenian nationalists in Yerevan and Moscow (Christopher Walker writes).

Armed soldiers patrolled Yerevan where many ringleaders of the recent mass demonstrations demanding the return of the Azerbaijani region of Nagorno-Karabakh were arrested.

A protest, planned for yesterday morning, at the Armenian cemetery car park in Moscow was cancelled when KGB drivers moved scores of heavy lorries into the area.

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Top regiments urged to guarantee black recruits

By Political Staff

Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, is to come under renewed pressure to guarantee black recruits a fair chance of joining famous British regiments like the Royal Marines, the Life Guards or the Queen's Dragoon Guards.

The Commons Defence Select Comittee is to urge him to switch policy and allow the monitoring of recruits to the Army, the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force by cap badge or regiment.

The recommendation of the select committee, which has a Conservative chairman, Mr Michael Mates, and an in-built Conservative majority, is expected to be made in its report to be published shortly.

The Prince of Wales has been campaigning for ethnic minorities to be introduced into the traditional regiments since he noticed how absent they were from ceremonial occasions.

However, Mr Younger has repeatedly clashed with the select committee, denying that there is any colour bar in the armed services. Last April, under pressure from MPs, he introduced monitoring of new recruits by ethnic origin, but only total figures for the three services are to be produced.

The select committee is saying that this is not enough. Global figures can too easily disguise what is taking place inside particular regiments, and has decided that the figures should be known, explanations given, where these are needed, and the public reassured.

The select committee is including the RAF and Royal Navy in this more detailed monitoring. It wants to be satisfied that blacks are able to become submariners if that is what they want.

The suspicion that some elite regiments do exercise their own colour bar persists among MPs, supported by the evidence of what happened when records on the basis of cap badges were kept in the 1960s.

Mr Younger, aware of the unease, revised his guidance to recruiting stations last year and asked officers to guard against "the more subtle and unconscious varieties of discrimination".

The issue is topical as the Commission for Racial Equality has announced it is fighting the first case of alleged discrimination against a black soldier, Private Stephen Anderson of the Devon & Dorset Regiment, under the Race Relations Act but also under military law.

Last night, Miss Margaret Michie, a spokesman for the commission, said: "If what you say about the select committee wanting to monitor by cap badge is correct, it will go some way to giving a complete picture of black recruiting within the armed forces. Obviously the select committee action is welcome.

"We want to go further and to look at the promotion prospects and ensure that there are equal opportunities there."

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Search for killers after two girls die

Police are hunting the killers of two young girls who were murdered at the weekend. Carol Baldwin, aged 13, was found stabbed on a football pitch in Northampton, her cassette recorder still playing by her side.

Police believe that Carol, of South Holme Court, Thorplands, Northampton, may not have heard her killer approach because she was listening to her player.

Four youths found her body. She had been stabbed as she walked across playing fields on Saturday night.

Amanda Hopkinson (right), aged 17, was found fatally injured in Wilmington, near Dartford, Kent, in an area often used by courting couples.

She was last seen alive at 8.30pm on Saturday when she left her home in Summerhouse Drive, Bexley, Kent. Detectives are anxious to trace her last movements.

Axe attack at service

Two men and a woman were seriously injured yesterday when a man armed with an axe and a knife attacked worshippers at a service held in a centre for pre-school playgroups.

The man burst into the centre in Gloucester Road, Reading, Berkshire, forcing about 20 people at the service to scatter as he began the attack. He then fled and soon after a house nearby was set on fire.

Mr Golburne Vaughan, one of those at the service, said: "We all dived under chairs and tried to hide. There was blood everywhere."

Last night a man was last helping police with inquiries.

Icons 'still in Greece'

Scotland Yard detectives investigating the disappearance of more than fifty icons stolen from Greek churches believe the paintings are still hidden in Greece and are working with the FBI to trace them.

The icons, said to be worth at least £2 million, were stolen from churches on the island of Kefallinia.

Detectives from the Yard's serious crimes branch were called in by the Greek ambassador after four of the paintings turned up at Sotheby's. Police searched the home of a woman who had recently arrived from Greece via the United States and found film showing other missing icons.

Yard officers put her on an aircraft to New York where she was met by FBI agents.

Dover hold-ups end

Dover ferry traffic was almost back to normal last night – in spite of the continuing strike of 2,300 P&O European Ferries crew members – after the return to service of a refitted Sealink vessel.

The return to duty of Sealink's ferry St Christopher doubled capacity yesterday and there were eight sailings to Calais and eight to Ostend, reducing the amount of waiting traffic dramatically. A special sailing was organized in the early hours to clear the backlog of freight traffic, cutting the number of lorries waiting to 300.

'Original Labour' test

Seven former Labour Party councillors have rebelled against former colleagues on a Labour-controlled district council and have formed a rival party.

The group will fight all 38 borough council seats at Barrow, Cumbria, in the May local government elections under the name of The Original Labour Party.

Members of the group, including three former mayors, failed to gain nomination from the party at the last local elections. They have since campaigned against the left-wing policies of the local party and high spending by the council.

Lawyers fear lower standard in face of set fees

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The stricter controls governing legal aid fees for lawyers operating in the crown court could lead to a lower standard of work from some practitioners of criminal law after the new scheme comes into force this week.

The London Criminal Courts' Solicitors' Association is concerned that solicitors will not think it worth their while to attend court in many cases but will send junior clerks and leave the handling of bail applications to inexperienced members of the Bar.

Under the new scheme, which the Government plans to extend, solicitors will be paid a fixed or standard fee rather than according to time it takes to deal with a case.

Standard fees are being introduced to increase administrative control over the soaring legal aid bill and to bring about greater consistency.

Trial deadlines which impose a statutory time limit on the period for which a defendant can be kept in custody awaiting trial are to be widely extended in England and Wales on Friday.

The Home Office believes the deadlines, which have been tested on a pilot basis in Avon, Kent, Somerset and the West Midlands, have worked well, with the custody limit only being exceeded in about 5 per cent of cases.

They are now to be extended to Cornwall, Cheshire, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Greater Manchester, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Wiltshire, and the West Midlands.

It is planned to take in the rest of England and Wales by 1990 and when in force the limits could reduce the remand population by between 300 and 600 prisoners.

If the deadlines are not met, then the court has power to extend them if it is satisfied the prosecution has acted with all due expedition.

If it is not, the accused must be released on bail. So far, however, the Home Office is not aware of any cases where extensions have been refused.

The limits were brought in because of mounting concern about the length of time defendants were being kept in custody awaiting trial.

The Lord Chancellor said recently that it might be appropriate to extend standard fees to cases involving personal injury and domestic violence.

Mr Anthony Edwards, secretary of the solicitors' association, said that the system of fixed fees was being introduced in spite of opposition by his members and the Law Society for more than six years.

He said that, considering the economic pressures under which legal aid solicitors now operate, there was a great danger that some of them would be tempted not to do the work properly and that "professional standards" would fall.

Some solicitors would not bother to acknowledge letters or return telephone calls if they were paid the same rate irrespective of the service provided.

"The new standard fee for court attendance, for example, is only marginally higher than the old clerk's rate of £15.50. A junior solicitor used to be paid £24; the new standard fee is £16.75, so the solicitor will lose £7.25 for each hour he attends at court. The message is that no solicitor is going to attend counsel on legal aid; they will send a junior clerk."

Another concern is over bail applications for which, according to Mr Edwards, the new payment is so low that the incentive for experienced solicitors to do the work will almost disappear.

Solicitors might be able to manage crown court bail applications where the magistrates' court and the crown court were in the same building complex, as they were in some parts of the country. However, in London, where they were often miles apart, that was impossible.

"The only way one could do bail applications is to forego the work in the magistrates' court and I am not going to do that for £21 an hour plus travelling fee."

The Government believes that much legal aid work is of a standard that can be paid at a fixed rate without the need to conduct extensive tests on whether the rate is the right one for the job.

Standard fees for some work done by junior barristers in the crown court were introduced in October 1986 but, from Friday, they will also be applied to solicitors. The new system is easier for courts to process and administer, and releases court staff to spend more time on determining more complex bills.

Engineers' leader sets deadline for Ford plant unions

By Roland Rudd

The engineering union will give up its attempt to persuade Ford of America to relocate an electronics factory in Dundee if representatives of Ford unions do not give an unequivocal guarantee by Wednesday that the plant would not be disrupted.

Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, who signed the single-union agreement with Ford, said yesterday that the company had told him that it would reconsider its decision not to build in Dundee only if it had a firm guarantee from the unions involved that there would be no attempt to disrupt production.

Mr Laird, who broke his silence over the ill-fated Detroit meeting, said the company first raised hopes that it might go ahead with the Dundee plant when Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, wrote to Mr Frank Macher, general manager of Ford's Electrical and Electronics Division.

Mr Willis had pledged that "the single-union agreement stands in its entirety, without qualification, and now with the full endorsement of the TUC".

Mr Laird said: "In between sending that letter and arriving in Detroit on Thursday, Ron Todd had issued statements which seriously undermined our position".

Mr Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, made it clear he would not agree "to jobs at any price".

Six thousand manual workers from Land-Rover return to work today at the end of a pay strike which failed to increase an offer they rejected five weeks ago. The strike cost the company £75 million in lost production. The result of a secret ballot showed 4,332 in favour of returning and 1,158 against. The vote was called after a inconclusive show of hands at a mass meeting last Wednesday.

Mr Laird disclosed that Mr Macher had bluntly told the TUC delegation in Detroit that the general council's 23-15 vote in favour of the deal was "meaningless" while Mr Todd's support was not forthcoming.

Mr Macher is reported to have asked: "What authority has the general council got if not all the unions will give their backing to the agreement?"

Mr Laird also disclosed that after two hours of formal talks with Mr Macher he had a further meeting with Mr Bill Gromer, the number two in Ford's Electrical and Electronics Division. Mr Gromer left Mr Laird in no doubt that a TUC guarantee was incomplete without the support of the TGWU.

Mr Willis, after flying back to London with Mr Laird and Mr Bill Jordon, AEU president, had a series of meetings with Mr Todd and the leaders of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance union, which represents many of Ford's white-collar workers.

Although neither union would give Mr Willis the support he was looking for, both agreed to allow him to address representatives of the Ford workers on the national joint negotiating committee.

It was that committee which last October threatened to "black" components coming out of the planned electronics factory.

Mr Willis believes that if the meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, guarantees not to stop operations in Dundee, Mr Todd and Mr Clive Jenkins and Mr Ken Gill, the joint general secretary of the MSF, would not be in a position to continue their opposition to the agreement.

A spokesman for the TUC yesterday said: "If these people give the assurances that there will be no blacking or disruption of the proposed Dundee plant we will have gone a long way to give Mr Macher the additional information he wanted which would guarantee the conditions to make the Ford plant competitive".

Mr Laird, will today meet Mr Jimmy Airlie, the Scottish executive officer who jointly signed the deal last October.

Suspects 'flee to south'

One of the photographs the RUC is studying of the attack which led to the soldiers' deaths.

By John Cooney

Several known IRA members and sympathizers wanted for questioning in connection with the murders of two soldiers in west Belfast are believed to have fled to the Irish Republic.

Mr Brian Lenihan, the Irish Republic's foreign minister, said in talks with Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, in London on Friday that there was no evidence so far that the fugitives had crossed the border.

However, he assured Mr King that the Irish police would be on special alert for the suspects, whose names have been passed on from the Royal Ulster Constabulary to the Garda headquarters, Dublin.

Meanwhile, the RUC are still studying photographs of suspects. *The Sunday Times* allegedly identified two yesterday as "Cleeky" Clarke, who was jailed after being convicted as an IRA member, and John McAvoy, another convicted IRA member.

Henry Maguire, aged 28, and Alexander Murphy, aged 30, both unemployed, of Andersonstown, were remanded in custody until April 22 by Belfast magistrates on Saturday charged with the murders of Corporal Derek Wood and Corporal David Howes.

Three more suspects were arrested on Saturday morning. One, Thomas Hawkins, aged 35, was remanded in custody for two weeks yesterday charged with withholding information from the police and with allowing his shop in west Belfast to be used by IRA members.

● Journalists covering Northern Ireland protect terrorists in return for news stories, Mr Norman Tebbit, the former Conservative Party Chairman, said on BBC Radio 4 yesterday (Richard Evans writes).

His remarks came after Downing Street denied reports that the Government is considering following the Irish Republic and legislating to ban media interviews or contact with terrorist groups.

A Whitehall spokesman said: "There is nothing being done by the Government to introduce legislation to restrict or stop the media covering terrorist organizations. No changes to the law are planned."

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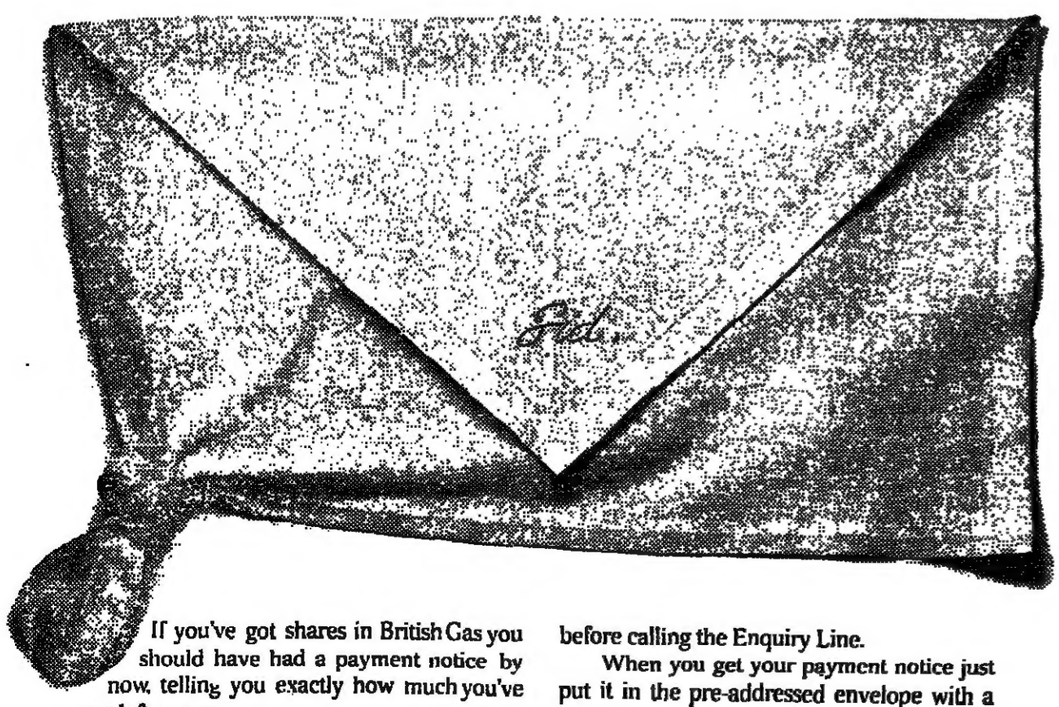

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Rating anomaly over horses

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Ministers in the environment and agriculture departments are feeling their way towards a change in the rating law on land used for breeding, grazing and riding horses.

In particular, moves are afoot to tackle the problems of the breeding industry which employs at least 13,000 people and which has recently been affected by a House of Lords legal decision in the Whitsbury Stud test case. That ruled that land used for breeding establishments should bear rates, instead of remaining de-rated like agricultural land.

Agriculture ministers have been pressing farmers to take land out of agricultural use and with 3,300,000 people regularly riding in Britain, equestrian sports is one of the alternative land uses being encouraged. Ministers have found, however, that the law on the rating of land used for that and similar purposes is imprecise.

Last week Mr Michael Howard, the Local Government Minister, was pressed by a deputation from horse and pony breeding interests and by Sir Charles Morrison, MP, the chairman of the House of Commons Racing and Bloodstock Industries Committee, to reinstate the position on rating which had applied since the 1930s.

The principle at present applied is that farmers are not allowed de-rating on any activities competing with others whose land is not de-rated and the horse is no longer officially considered an "agricultural animal".

The Government is considering whether farms should pay rates on land used for breeding, raising and riding horses or whether others with land used for such activities should be de-rated.

Lawson challenge 'rubbish'

Mr Norman Tebbit yesterday dismissed reports that he was seeking to back Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as a leadership challenger to Mrs Thatcher as rubbish.

The former Conservative Party chairman said that Mrs Margaret Thatcher was the best leader the Tory Party had and would continue to be for a long time ahead.

He hoped that she would lead the Conservatives not only into the next election, but into the one after.

Speaking on BBC Radio's *World at One*, Mr Tebbit said that while Mr Lawson's standing had gone up enormously among Conservative MPs in a way that no-one would have dreamed of three years ago, it was rubbish to say that he had the support of backbenchers as a challenger to Mrs Thatcher.

Downing Street yesterday dismissed the reports of a Tebbit-Lawson plot to bring down the Prime Minister, published in the *Mail on Sunday*, as fiction.

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Reform Whitehall call

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

More Civil Servants will be appointed on the basis of their political allegiance, the right-wing Adam Smith Institute says today in a booklet that also recommends the abolition or restructuring of most of the big departments of state.

The institute, which has claimed influence on Conservative government thinking, accuses Civil Servants of protecting their empires and obstructing radical policy.

"The Government's failure to reform Whitehall has been a major factor in its inability to reduce the burden of public spending on the taxpayer", the booklet, written by Mr Michael Simmonds, says.

It recommends reforms that include abolition of the Departments of Employment, Energy, and Transport and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, with their functions being absorbed predominantly by a new Department of Enterprise.

It puts forward a case for a new department of local services, which would take on board many functions performed by local authorities, which the Adam Smith Institute does not see as having much of a future, and also proposes renaming the Foreign and Commonwealth Office the foreign and european office "as a reflection of Britain's commitment to its changed world position".

The institute says that ministers need better advice than the Civil Service is able to supply.

A Change of Government. Michael Simmonds (Adam Smith Institute, Box 316, London SW1P 3DJ £9).

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Cash for planning permission urged

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Local authorities should be able to charge developers over the granting of planning consents and use the money to improve the local environment and hold down costs, according to a paper published today by the Institute of Economic Affairs.

Mr Graham Mather, general director of the institute and author of the report, said his proposals would ease pressures on local authorities in the South-east to block business and housing development and allow communities to share the profit on new projects with developers.

He said planning authorities are already "selling" planning permission by requiring developers to produce planning gains worth millions of pounds before big developments can proceed.

Formalizing the system could provide an incentive for authorities to grant permission for development on blighted land and give the community money which would compensate for any apparent detriment caused by the development.

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Four million to lose benefits under new reforms, study says

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

More than four million people will have their benefit payments cut in real terms as a result of social security reforms which start to come into effect on April 4, according to an analysis by independent researchers.

The Policy Studies Institute, which has based its research on Department of Health and Social Security figures, also says that despite government claims that they will save nothing from the changes, the reforms will raise £545 million, mainly from cutting housing benefit.

The losers, representing 48 per cent of the 8.6 million claimants, include more than two million pensioners, 830,000 unemployed families, and 73,000 working families. Many could lose up to £12 a week, the institute says.

Mr Richard Berthoud, research fellow at the Policy Studies Institute, said yesterday: "The new scheme will fail to deliver additional resources to families who suffer most hardship, fail to iron out the disincentives of the overlapping tax and social security system and fail to provide a reliable safety net for those with special needs".

The new figures coincide with a concerted campaign by ministers within the Department of Health and Social Security to defend the reforms, arguing that 88 per cent of claimants will not lose in cash terms.

This week, Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, will sell the reform as fairer and simpler.

Ministers are now being put under increasing pressure from Tory backbenchers to justify the changes which will leave many families worse off and will hit pensioners with savings. The Opposition, keen to expose a new poverty trap, last week produced a couple with disabilities who stand to lose £50 a week.

Although existing claimants have some of their benefit transitionally protected, they will get no inflation-adjusted uprating and many will lose housing benefit altogether.

One of the principle objectives of the scheme is to align the three main welfare benefits. Supplementary benefit, which now goes to the unemployed and pensioners, will be replaced by Income Support, and Family Income Supplement, which goes to low income working families, will be replaced by Family Credit. Both changes take effect from April 11.

People will not be entitled to income support if they work for more than 24 hours a week or if they have savings of more than £6,000. The Government has estimated that 240,000 more people would have been eligible for Income Support this year under the old system.

Although Family Credit is more generous than FIS, families, will lose their right to free school meals and milk, and many will get less housing benefit. Single-parent families will also lose their entitlement to child care costs and travel expenses.

All claimants will continue to be eligible for housing benefit although from April 4, for the first time, everyone will have to pay 20 per cent of their rates and all their full water rates. Due to cuts in housing benefit, one million people will lose all and five million people will lose part of their entitlement.

A decision to exclude households with more than £6,000 in savings will mean, under the Government's own figures, that 350,000 pensioners lose their entitlement to housing benefit altogether. A further 350,000 will lose this benefit due to stricter tapering off.

The Department of Health has already admitted that 3.7 million people will be worse off than under present benefits but that does not include the abolition of single payments.

The reforms, designed to simplify social security, replace payments for such essentials as cookers, beds and clothing with a system of discretionary repayable loans, called the Social Fund.

The institute (which has weighted the loss of single payments into its figures) argues that single payments have been halved since the middle of 1986. It claims that this cut, together with the decision to abolish single payments, will save the Government £230 million and leave families with children at least £3.50 a week worse off.

The Government says that it is spending £420 million more on Income Support and £220 million on Family Credit against a saving of £650 million on housing benefit.

However, £200 million of the money spent on Income Support is on transitional protection, and is, therefore, not new money.

GAINERS AND LOSERS FROM THE STRUCTURAL REFORM OF WELFARE BENEFITS

	Gain £2 or more	Gain 50p to £2	Same (+/-50p)	Lose 50p to £2	Lose £2 or more
	(Figures in thousands)				
Pensioners	410 (9%)	740 (17%)	1170 (26%)	1050 (24%)	1050 (24%)
Sick and disabled	230 (56%)	40 (10%)	70 (17%)	40 (10%)	30 (7%)
Working families with children	300 (54%)	40 (7%)	30 (5%)	60 (11%)	130 (23%)
Non-working families with children	270 (21%)	50 (4%)	150 (12%)	270 (21%)	560 (43%)
Other non-workers	200 (11%)	470 (27%)	300 (17%)	330 (19%)	470 (27%)
TOTAL	1400 (16%)	1400 (16%)	1700 (20%)	1800 (21%)	2300 (27%)

Source: DHSS figures, adjusted by PSI to take account of the effects of the loss of single payment entitlements on non-working families with children.

Note 1. Percentages run across the table: thus, for example, 9% of pensioners expect to gain £2 per week or more, and so on.

Note 2. The total line includes 160,000 workers without children — mostly losers — who are not shown separately in the table.

Rescue team appeals for help

Mrs Lilian Cooksey ahead of six other members of Coniston's rescue team (from left): Dr James Armstrong, Mr Brian Warren, Mr Roy Cooksey, Mr John Kirkbride, Mr Jeff Carroll and Mr Rob Robinson (Photograph: Barry Greenwood).

By Peter Davenport

In the headquarters of the Coniston Mountain Rescue team hangs a card from 19 teenage climbers rescued from a 2,500ft Lake District ridge in pitch darkness and deep snow. Its says: "Thanks for being there".

Coniston was the first British voluntary mountain rescue party when it formed to search for a fell-walker in winter 1946. As it celebrates its fortieth anniversary this year, it has launched an appeal to raise £35,000 to replace an ancient Land-Rover and to extend its base.

Mr Guy Plint, a manufacturer's agent and the team's chairman, said yesterday: "There were 12 million visitors to the Lake District last year and the numbers will continue growing so, unfortunately, the need for teams like ours will increase.

"We do not want any central government funding, we value our independence too much. We are all volunteers who love the mountains and who care for mountaineers."

The 40-strong Coniston team, which averages 25 call-outs a year, covers an area of 36 square miles taking in Coniston Old Man, stone quarries and mine shafts.

Mr Roy Cooksey, aged 57, a potter, and the team's leader for 10 years, said: "There is a popular misconception that rescue teams are always angry when someone gets into trouble and we have to turn out to help. That is simply not the case. We do it because we hope that someone would do it for us. Accidents can happen to anyone."

Controls sought on gambling machines

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Research into machine gambling by teenagers could lead to greater controls, according to the Home Office.

The research by the Home Office research and planning unit covered the use of amusement arcades by young people, whether the machines were addictive and whether they encouraged anti-social or criminal behaviour.

The study, said to be the most detailed on the subject, recommends that age limits be considered if ministers are persuaded that additional controls are needed on machine gambling or on the premises on which they are found.

One approach may be discretionary powers which would allow flexible responses to local circumstances. Additional restrictions could be imposed where there was considered to be abuse, but not where there was none.

A government statement on the issue is expected in the House of Commons before the summer recess. There will then be a period of consultation before any action is taken.

Under present regulations, amusement machines offering prizes are limited to a stake of not more than 10p and cannot pay out more than £4.

The law does not limit their use. However, a voluntary code drawn up by amusement arcade owners says that nobody aged under 16 should be allowed into arcades at inland sites unless accompanied by an adult.

Jackpot machines, which are found in members' clubs or on licensed premises, have higher stakes and correspondingly higher pay outs. These machines are allowed only in establishments where age restrictions apply.

'False security' on smear test cover

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Britain is still not geared up to prevent more than 2,000 women a year dying from cervical cancer, a Labour health spokesman's survey of district health authorities shows today.

The Government has announced all districts would have a comprehensive screening scheme for cervical cancer smear tests by the end of this month.

However, Miss Harriet Harman, shadow Minister for Health, says that a telephone survey of the 83 district health authorities due to have set up a computerized call and recall scheme since last March discloses a considerable shortfall. Women should not be lulled into a sense of false security by assurances that the problem has been solved, she says.

Her survey shows that:

- 97 per cent of the districts will not have called all women aged 20-65 for their first smear test by the end of this year;
- 63 per cent will not have called them for their first smear by the end of 1991, 10 years after the Committee on Gynaecological Cytology called for the screening system; and
- 36 per cent of districts will not have called women aged 20-65 for a first test by the end of 1993.

Miss Harman says that 70 per cent of the authorities plan to recall women only every five years when it is widely believed that the safe interval is only three years and that, with most authorities making a priority of women aged over 35, plans for screening women in the 20 to 35 age group remain "hazy".

She is calling on the Government to ensure that district health authorities have the resources to implement the scheme as quickly as possible.

- Britain's dentists are being urged to adopt more modern forms of treatment to help to protect the nation's teeth in a campaign launched by the Department of Health and Social Security today.

They are being advised that traditional "drilling and filling" is no longer in the best interests of many patients and may do more harm than good.

All 25,000 dentists are being sent a free training video by the department which gives a summary of some of the latest advances in their field.

BBC move to counter opposition

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

BBC chiefs plan to intensify programme-marketing and to find out more about what viewers want to watch.

The proposals, to counter the threat of competition from satellite and new television channels, emerged from a weekend conference at Swindon attended by the corporation's board of governors and board of management.

Mr Michael Checkland, its director general, said the BBC had to use audience research "more seriously than we have in the past. We are actually talking about making sure that the consumers of our programmes know precisely what we are offering."

While the increased emphasis on marketing will not involve widespread advertising, the BBC is anxious "to make sure that viewers and listeners know what we are offering them".

The televised *Annual Report* explaining the BBC's finances and activities to viewers is to be followed by a similar but shorter programme later this year.

Singles fall to compact disc

By Andrew Billen

Compact discs account for almost a quarter of all spending on album recordings, according to a Gallup poll.

Sales of compact discs, which were released five years ago this month, doubled last year to £116.5 million, contributing to a 25 per cent growth in the total album market, comprising LPs, cassettes and compact discs.

However, the poll shows that the future of the 7 in single, once the bedrock of the pop music industry, may be in doubt.

Twenty-six million fewer singles were delivered to record shops last year than in 1979, when a record 89 million reached the shelves. In the same year, five singles achieved platinum sales of more than a million. There has not been a platinum-selling single for two years.

A battle this month between Rick Astley and Kylie Minogue, the pop singers, to head the top 40 single chart saw neither artist sell 50,000 copies in some weeks. Until recently, the industry expected sales of 100,000 for the top-selling single.

Mr Peter Jamieson, council member of the British Phonographic Industry and chairman of DMG Records, the owners of the RCA and Arista labels, said yesterday: "The days of the high-selling single record are gone for ever. But it's not necessarily something to get upset about.

"In places like Scandinavia and Greece, there's now no single market at all. The important thing is that people are listening to more music."

Mr Boyd Steemson, manager of the Sisters of Mercy group, which reached number 15 in the top 40 earlier this month, said singles were now being released to boost sales of the albums from which they were taken, rather than to make money on their own.

"People don't want to leap up and down to the record player every three minutes. You can listen to an album for 20 minutes and all the decisions are made for you."

Mr Mark Ellen, editor of *Q*, the pop magazine, said: "The compact disc player is more than just another yuppie accessory. It is is about quality sound and allowing people really to listen to music and perhaps discover how good some of the old bands were."

The compact disc has been a bonus for record companies which are re-releasing old albums. The charts are filled with well-established performers such as Queen, Phil Collins and Robert Plant. The Dire Straits album, *Brothers in Arms*, has sold more than three million copies and has been in the top 100 album chart for 150 weeks.

Mr Godfrey Rust, Gallup's executive in charge of compiling the recording sales charts, said: "The man in the street would have known 15 out of 20 names in the 1960s chart. Out of today's, you would be lucky if he knew five."

The Gallup poll shows that the average number of singles sold per week has fallen from 1.7 million in 1978 to 1.4 million in 1983 and 1.2 million last year. An estimated 1.06 million singles will be sold this year.

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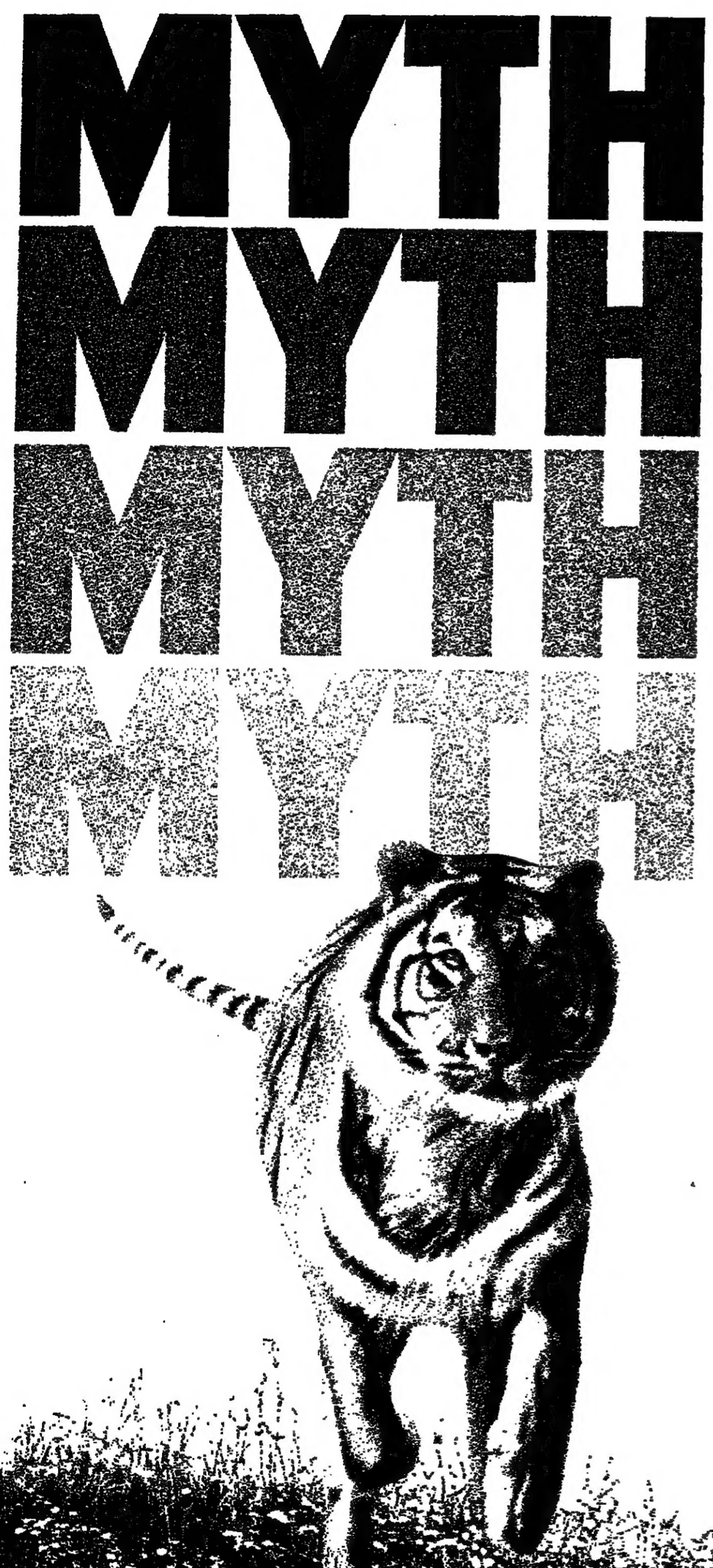

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MYTH It costs a small fortune to convert your engine to run on unleaded petrol.

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FACT Wrong. With the exception of cars fitted with Catalytic Converters (see below) you can use either leaded or unleaded petrol.

MYTH I will have to buy a Catalytic Converter.

FACT No. At some time yet to be decided by the Government, many new cars will have these fitted to further reduce automotive emissions. But there will be no requirement to fit them on older cars. Cars fitted with Catalytic Converters can only run on unleaded petrol as the catalyst is destroyed by lead.

MYTH Leaded petrol won't be available after 1990.

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Clearer guidelines urged for diagnosis of child sex abuse

By Paul Vallely

An appeal for immediate government action on clearer rules for the diagnosis and treatment of child sexual abuse has been made by Mr David Tombs, director of social services in Hereford and Worcester, which has recently experienced a scare that abuse exists there on a large scale.

The problems in Worcester sprang from a dramatic increase in the number of reported sexual abuse cases – 99 last year compared with 30 in 1986. The controversy has been fuelled by the fact that eight of the cases came to light at the same time and were reported by one doctor at Worcester Royal Infirmary practising the controversial anal dilatation technique. All were legally contested.

The resulting argument has produced widespread anxiety in the county and has created a lack of trust between the social workers, doctors and solicitors involved.

Now Mr Tombs, in an interview with *The Times*, has called for urgent clarification on how such cases should be handled. "We desperately need government action on the *Child Care Law Reform* report and we are very disappointed that parliamentary time has not been allocated in this session to deal with it.

"Child care law in this country is in a mess. What judges expect in each case differs. Some are critical if video is used (in interviewing children), others are critical if it isn't. Clear guidelines are needed."

Rules were needed to cover the treatment of young children as witnesses and the level of medical evidence required. In one case a girl aged eight had been subjected to nine anal examinations, creating what her family's lawyer called "a re-rape syndrome".

Mr Tombs said: "It is intolerable. There should be very firm ground rules on medical examination so that doctors from both sides should be present at a single examination."

Reports of the sexual abuse of children have increased steadily throughout Britain over the past two years because, it is believed, of increased public awareness after the Cleveland inquiry, campaigning by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and media attention.

In Hereford and Worcester reports of general child abuse rose from 120 in 1982 to 150 in 1985, 217 in 1986, and 333 last year. Those figures include 30 cases of sexual abuse in 1986 and 99 in 1987. Most of the increased reports came from relatives or neighbours, teachers, GPs or health visitors, and the police. Only 19 of the 333 cases were reported by paediatricans.

Last August eight local solicitors were approached separately by fathers who had been accused of sexual abuse. The accusations had come in a short period of time after diagnoses from Dr John Nicholson, a paediatrican at Worcester Royal Infirmary, using the anal dilatation technique.

Mr Alex Bevan, the solicitor for one accused father who was cleared by the High Court last month, said: "All the allegations came from one doctor using a single – and highly contested – diagnosis.

"In my client's case the accusation was made without any supporting evidence from the child's mother or school teachers, who were not even interviewed. Throughout, Dr Nicholson took what I might describe as a rather stark view."

In response to the sudden rise in allegations and the reports of a flood of further cases in the district, the social services department set up a child protection team of social workers, police, and health authority representatives.

It also introduced a rule which ensured that Dr Nicholson's diagnoses were confirmed by an independent paediatrican.

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Domesday village in expansion battle

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Mr Stanley Jones is a leading breeder of Charollais sheep and long-serving chairman of Bramshill parish council. Mr Stephan Konig is a former British Leyland dealer who retired 11 years ago to a seventeenth-century farmhouse close to the Hampshire-Berkshire border.

What those two neighbours have in common is that their homes are on the edge of a proposed "new town" of about 20,000 people. If a public inquiry, due to open in June, finds in favour of Consortium Developments, the would-be developers, the view from their front windows will change from forested heathland to suburban sprawl.

In his garden beside the River Blackwater, which divides the two counties, Mr Jones said that his future as a farmer will be destroyed if the scheme goes ahead.

The land under threat is a complex of former gravel workings, landscaped to provide a mixture of trees, heath and small lakes. It is owned by a Jersey-based family trust and leased to the Forestry Commission, which guarantees public access.

According to Mr Chris Cole, a local naturalist, it contains a number of rare wildlife species and is being considered by the Nature Conservancy Council for designation as a site of special scientific interest.

Mr Jones and Mr Konig are backed by a formidable alliance of county, district and parish councils who oppose the demands of Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, that they must find room for more people.

Mr Stanley Jones on his farm in Bramshill, Hampshire, enjoying a way of life he feels is threatened by the proposed town.

Immediately west of London's Green Belt, the stretch of countryside between Reading and the Camberley-Aldershot conurbation is in the front line, besieged by hundreds of planning applications.

Hart district council, for example, in north east Hampshire, is faced with more than 80 appeals against refusals of planning permission for housing developments.

Mr Tony Crowson, the council's chief planning officer, said: "In the past 20 years our population has grown from around 30,000 to 86,000".

"We have made provision for 500 to 700 new homes a year until 1991, and a further 3,700 in the next decade. But we are confronted with these huge new proposals, and we have to spend all our time and money fighting appeals."

Hook is not alone in its struggle. Last week more than 50 Conservative MPs met Mr Ridley to express concern about over-development in the South-east.

"Mr Ridley has said that the destruction of local communities is unacceptable", Mr Jones said. "Here we have a village of 45 houses, mentioned in the Domesday Book, and they want to build 5,000 more. If that isn't destruction, I'd like to know what is."

Japanese gather up Tiffany ware

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Japanese dealers swept the board at Christie's nineteenth and twentieth century decorative art sale in New York on Saturday, buying six of the 10 top lots.

What they had come for was the Tiffany ware, such as stained-glass table lamps, their shades creating delicate patterns or pictures in light. Highest price was $154,000 (£83,696) for a leaded glass and bronze lamp, its shade decorated with a series of upturned dragonflies. It sold for twice its upper estimate.

The Humphreys collection – 45 Tiffany objects gathered over the years by the American collector Jane Humphreys – sold well, top lot among them being another dragonfly table lamp, this time its base a bulbous mosaic-shaped as opposed to a slender stem. It fetched $99,000 (£53,804), again twice its estimate, to a Japanese dealer.

A "laburnum" leaded-glass and bronze floor lamp proved the exception to the Japanese rule, selling to a private London buyer for the same price – $99,000 – this time against an estimate of up to $60,000.

The only important item not to sell was a mahogany and parcel gilt armchair designed by Antonio Gaudi in about 1889. This highly ornate chair, its gilded decoration a crazy rococo terminating in lion's paw feet, was bought in at $110,000 against a pre-sale estimate of $150,000.

The total for the sale was $2.7million (£1.4million).

Sotheby's held a French and Continental furniture and decorative arts sale on Saturday, at which it achieved a total of $1.5 million, with 97 per cent sold.

Motorway repairs

Road campaign to seek extra £720m

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

A campaign for road improvements in East Anglia, which has one of the least developed road networks in England, is to be launched next month.

Led by Sir Arthur South, former leader of Norwich City Council, the campaign will press for road projects in the region which could cost about £720 million more over the next 15 years than the Department of Transport has planned.

Motorway roadworks until next Monday:

London and South-east

M1 Northamptonshire: lane closures on both carriageways between jn 16 (A45 Northampton) and Watford Gap services until Easter.
M11 Essex: lane closures between jn 8 (Bishop's Stortford) and 10 (Duxford).
M25 Surrey: lane closures from 7pm until 6.30am between jns 11 and 13 (Chertsey and Staines).
M25 Hertfordshire: lane closures in both directions between jn 24 (Potter's Bar) and 25 (A10) and lane closures at jn 25
M26 Kent: lane closures at Wrotham between M20 and M25.

Midlands

M5 W Midlands: lane closures between jns 1 and 2 (W Bromwich/Dudley).
M5 Hereford/Worcester: contraflow between jns 5 and 6 (Droitwich/ Worcester N); north-bound entry slip at jn 6 closed; lane closures between jns 4 and 8 (Bromsgrove/-M50).
M6 W Midlands: south-bound entry slip road from Salford Circus (Spaghetti jn) closed.

North

M6 Cheshire: off-peak lane closures in both directions between jns 16 and 17 (Kidsgrove /Sandbach); lane closures in both directions between jns 20 and 21 (M56/ Warrington).
M6 Lancashire: lane closures until Easter between jns 26 and 27 (M58/Wigan).
M6 Cumbria: contraflow northbound between jns 41 and 42 (Wigton/Carlisle).
M62 W Yorkshire: contraflow between jns 25 and 26 (Brighouse/M606 Bradford).
M63 Greater Manchester: single line traffic between jns 3 and 6; delays heading to and from Manchester airport; restrictions for widening of Barton Bridge; peak-hour congestion.
M65 Greater Manchester: one lane only east-bound near A682 Scotland Road.
A1(M) S Yorkshire: contraflow and slip road closures between A635 interchange at Marr and A638 interchange at Redhouse;. diversions.

Wales and West

M4 Wiltshire: lane closures in both directions near jn 15 (Swindon) with further roadworks on roundabout at jn 15.
M4 S Glamorgan: lane restrictions at jn 32 (Cardiff).
M4 Mid Glamorgan: lane closures between jns 36 and 37 (Bridgend /Pyle).
M4 W Glamorgan: overnight restrictions between jns 38 and 42 (Port Talbot along A48 to jn 42 – the A483).
M5 Gloucestershire: off-peak lane closures on both carriageways between jns 9 and 12 (Tewkesbury/Gloucester).
M5 Somerset: lane closures and restrictions north and southbound between jn 22 (Burnham-on-Sea) and jn 27 (Tiverton).

Scotland

M8 Lothian: east-bound traffic down to hard shoulder only at jn 3 (A899); east-bound entry slip at jn 3 closed.
M8 Strathclyde: west-bound lane closures between jns 16 and 17 (Glasgow city centre/-A82 Dumbarton); lane closures near Glasgow airport at the Whitecart viaduct; lane closures on both carriageways between jn 5 (Shotts) and 6 (Newhouse).
A90/M90 Fife: north-bound traffic reduced to one lane.

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Drugs team risked lives to thwart £2.7m cocaine gang

By Mark Ellis

A policeman and a Customs investigator risked their lives to work undercover with drugs smugglers plotting to import cocaine and cannabis worth £2.7 million to Britain.

Their work led on Saturday to five men being convicted at Chelmsford Crown Court of importing cannabis resin. One of them was found guilty of possessing cocaine with intent to supply.

Armed police guarded the court after an underworld tip-off that there would be an attempt to free the accused.

For more than a year "Dick", an undercover police officer, posed as a lorry driver, and "Eddie", a Customs officer, pretended to be a docker, to infiltrate the underworld of international drugs trafficking. Their identities will not be disclosed for their own safety.

Operation Quest began as a picture emerged of a drugs smuggling operation with links as far afield as Colombia and Nigeria and access to false passports.

Before the undercover work started it seems the year-long operation would have to be abandoned as a bold scheme to import an estimated four tons of cannabis from Nigeria went disastrously wrong when the mastermind of the racket was arrested for absconding from prison and jailed for a year.

However, Francis Cook, aged 59, a restaurateur, of Craven Park Road, Harlesden, north-west London, was soon plotting an equally ambitious scheme from his prison cell.

Two months after Cook's release in November 1985 he was introduced to Dick and Eddie for the first of 30 meetings in public houses throughout London. During the meetings it was impressed on the two men that he had firearms and would use them if he was tricked.

Containers from Nigeria and Ghana containing cannabis and one from Colombia loaded with cannabis were to arrive at Immingham and Tilbury Docks. Dick and Eddie would take them away before Customs inspections and leave them at a disused petrol station near Grays in Essex.

In June 1986 Customs officers secretly examined a consignment of wood which arrived at Immingham from Ghana and found 465 kg of cannabis, worth £700,000. Driving a hired tractor unit Dick, with Eddie as a passenger, made the deliveries.

As the smugglers unloaded the container they were watched by officers from the No 5 Regional Crime Squad, based at Brentwood in Essex, and Customs investigators. Seconds later armed police moved in and arrested them.

Two days later the second container arrived at Tilbury from Nigeria with cannabis with a street value of £1 million.

A leading member of the gang, Edgar Peters, aged 41, a financial consultant, of Brompton Road, south-west London, was abroad when the other members of the gang were caught. Peters was arrested last June in Bath.

Cook's plan, he had told Dick and Eddie, was to import one container a month for a year and then retire. Their undercover work shattered that dream.

From his restaurant, The Fez, in London's Edgware Road, Cook executed his drug operations.

Judge Watling warned defence barristers that sentence on some of the men might be deferred until next month pending other actions to confiscate their assets identified as being the profits from drugs deals. In one case the sum involved is £500,000.

Cook was found guilty of conspiring to import cannabis resin. Peters was also convicted of conspiracy and charges of possessing 2.75kg and 500g of cocaine with intent to supply.

Also convicted of conspiracy to import cannabis were Stirling Ripley, aged 35, unemployed, of north-west London; Patrick Meape, aged 36, a sound engineer, of London, and Peter Bird, aged 37, motor trader, of Canvey Island, Essex.

Cleared of the charge were: John Woods, aged 46, unemployed, of London; Frank Rouledge, aged 63, of Blackburn, Lancashire; and Alan Merrington, aged 46, a publican, of Basildon, Essex.

Medieval mastery

Mr Alan Edgar, a science teacher from Hessle, near Hull, giving the finishing touch to one of the neo-Irish and medieval harps he makes as a hobby. He works in Brazilian mahogany, birch and cedar, and sells the harps for between £300 and £800 (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Signs will proclaim inner-city message

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Britain's worst derelict areas will break out in large blue spots in the coming weeks as the Government cranks up a propaganda machine to boast of its inner-city strategy.

Thousands of blue signs will spring up in 57 inner-city areas, mainly Labour strongholds, proclaiming the Government's financial help in clearing derelict land.

The exercise is to prevent local authorities claiming the praise for clearing such sites when the money came from the Department of the Environment.

The signboards, timed to go up at the start of the campaign for May's local authority elections, will inevitably be compared with the huge propaganda campaign mounted by the defunct Greater London Council, which provoked the Government into banning local authorities from putting out political publicity.

Mr David Trippier, Minister for the Environment, has ordered thousands of signs, complete with the *Action for Cities* logo, to be set up.

Under government inner-city strategy, which Mrs Margaret Thatcher has made a priority for this Parliament, the annual grants budget rises to £75.93 million next month.

Mr Trippier said yesterday: "I am anxious that people should know that the Government is active in these areas. This is a further initiative under the *Action for Cities* programme which the Prime Minister launched three weeks ago."

WHITEHALL BRIEF
by David Walker

Man who oils the legislative cogs

The greatness of the so-called Great Education Reform Bill, which completes its passage through the House of Commons today is, to it mildly, a matter of political controversy.

Historians are unlikely to place Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, in the pantheon on the right hand of R A Butler, the "father" of the 1944 Act.

What is incontrovertible is the omnicompetence of the new measure, affecting schools, colleges, polytechnics and universities.

The Bill is Mr Baker's political testament. He will reap the glory if, as advertised, the Bill transforms English and Welsh education; he will suffer the blame if the opt-out provisions prove a recipe for educational anarchy.

The Bill is not Mr Baker's alone. It also belongs, in a way, to Mr Robert Green, aged 34, an assistant secretary in the Department of Education and Science.

Mr Green has been heading a small team of Civil Servants which has seen the Education Reform Bill from its beginnings in the Conservative Party election manifesto last year into the omnibus Bill that is due to move, shortly after Easter, into the penultimate stage of its passage through Parliament, when it goes to the House of Lords.

That matters have proceeded (from the Government's point of view) as smoothly as they have is, to a fair degree, because of Mr Green and his colleagues. Their role is crucial to the functioning of the legislature.

It has recently become fashionable to view Whitehall as a place where amateurish Civil Servants need to acquire the hard-headed skills of private business.

What Mr Green has been doing with the Education Reform Bill, however, is specialist Civil Service that stands on its own, not readily comparable with anything in the private sector, demanding both knowledge (of the machinery of governance) and applied intelligence of a high order.

Mr Green, who had been on secondment to the Cabinet Office, was presented last summer with a mountainous task. Since there was no one around from 1944 to tell him how a contentious, multi-clause Bill should be managed, Mr Green started from scratch, with the Cabinet Office handbook on parliamentary procedure as a guide.

To be a successful Bill manager it takes: drafting skills; the ability to turn crude political instruction into guidelines for the parliamentary counsel; a "certain sensitivity" and a nose for political shoals and reefs, "being alert when you read the newspapers". Whitehall does not train Bill teams: it grows them.

Time pressures — a huge Bill and a Cabinet demand that it be passed inside a single session — were made worse when, in the middle of proceedings, the Government changed its mind about keeping the Inner London Education Authority and an entire section of the Bill had to be rewritten.

At the turn of the year the Bill moved into standing committee. Mr Green and his team were required to be hydra-headed, constantly available to the ministers leading the committee, to MPs, including those on the Opposition side and to colleagues in the department, checking and redrafting sections of the Bill.

It has been a job, Mr Green said, made considerably easier by the new technology of computers and word processing; but the absence of what he calls "technical" defects from the Bill, errors of drafting and the like, occasions human pride rather than pride for the way the machines worked.

Eventually the Government guillotined the Bill, good news to officials who wanted to see the thing over, but (perhaps) a little disappointing in the sense that the parliamentary hearings were used by Civil Servants as a way of checking their anticipations of what Mr Green called "the rocks ahead".

Mr Green confessed: "The fact that every vote was predictable did make it a little bit boring".

For that reason, although Mr Green is looking forward to the summer and a return to his normal work, the passage of the Bill through the Lords, where government majorities are less secure, presents a greater challenge.

Family tomb will make a £2m home

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

An eighteenth century Grade I neo-classical building, designed as a mausoleum and standing in Green Belt at Cobham, Kent, is to be preserved by forming the centrepiece of a new Palladian-style house within 165 acres of parkland and woodland landscaped by Humphrey Repton.

Designed by James Wyatt, one of England's most eminent architects of the time, The Temple is to be sold on behalf of the trustees of the Earl of Darnley by the agents Cluttons, who are giving a guide price of £500,000.

Mr Philip Gossage of Cluttons, said that it was difficult to value The Temple, which is being sold for the first time. "It is a very special property in a superb position, and there are not many places in the country with their own deer park. The house around it will cost a lot to build, but when completed will be worth at least £2 million."

It has taken several years for the trustees to find a solution to the problem of preserving the historic building, and after a public inquiry which reported two years ago, the Secretary of State for the Environment approved the plan to convert The Temple into a house.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Death threats fail to silence Boesak

Johannesburg — Dr Allan Boesak, the outspoken Dutch Reformed Church clergyman, told his parish church in Belville, western Cape, that he feared he might be killed for his opposition to the South African Government, but that he would continue "to work for peace and justice" (Michael Hornsby writes). Dr Boesak, Moderator of the branch of the Church which ministers to Coloureds (mixed race), said that he had received an increasing number of death threats.

Separately, an era in white politics passed into the history books with the dissolution of the New Republic Party, the direct descendant of the once-great South Africa Party of the Boer War generals, Louis Botha and Jan Smuts.

Poll blow for right

Paris — President Mitterrand has pulled off another coup, keeping ahead of two key right-wing opponents in, the presidential campaign (Susan MacDonald writes).

It had been feared that the transformation from President to candidate would cause a fall in his popularity rating. But in an opinion poll to be published today M Mitterrand has maintained a comfortable lead over his opponents. It shows him winning the second round of voting by 55 per cent, whether his opponent in the run-off is M Jacques Chirac or M Raymond Barre.

Reshuffle by Ershad

Dhaka — President Ershad of Bangladesh named a new Government yesterday, appointing Mr Moudud Ahmed as the Prime Minister to succeed Mr Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, in a radical reshuffle of portfolios three weeks after a controversial parliamentary election gave the ruling Jatiyo Party a landslide victory (Ahmed Fazl writes).

A statement said that three deputy Prime Ministers were also appointed, including two belonging to the Council of Ministers which was dissolved earlier in the morning.

General assassinated

Madrid — A pair of young gunmen fatally shot a retired Spanish Air Force officer, Brigadier General Luis Pérez-Caballero, aged 81, on his way home from church at Salvatierra, near the Basque regional capital of Vitoria (Harry Debelius writes). Meanwhile a bomb seriously injured two women near the Real Madrid football stadium. Officials said two men approached the general as he left the Santa Maria church, and shot him several times in the head.

Cash for Greens

Bonn — West Germany's anti-capitalist Greens, already one of the country's better-off political groups, are to receive even more money from public funds by forming a national foundation similar to those of each of the "established" parties (John England writes).

In Ludwigshafen at the weekend, the usually quarrelsome environmentalists put on a display of unity by voting overwhelmingly to establish a Rainbow Foundation Association. This will make the Greens eligible for taxpayers' money up to a reported £20 million a year.

Baudouin choice

Brussels (Reuter) — King Baudouin of Belgium yesterday asked Mr Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Flemish-speaking Christian Democrat, to form a government and haul the country out of a five-month crisis. The palace said Mr Dehaene had accepted the mission.

Mr Dehaene, aged 47, was appointed as the King's mediator two months ago to sound out the parties' positions on a new coalition government. He abandoned the mission on Thursday after talks failed to bridge differences over the language problem.

Sandinista joy at peace pact

Some of the 1,800 Sandinista soldiers, demobilized under the peace accord with the Contra rebels, celebrating in Tomatoya, Nicaragua, by tossing one of their group into the air.

Jackson triumph in Michigan damages Dukakis campaign

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

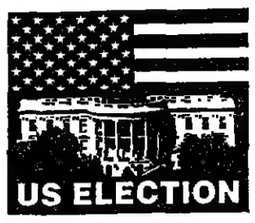
The Rev Jesse Jackson scored a resounding victory in Michigan at the weekend in his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination, substantially advancing his credibility as a viable contender and severely damaging the campaign of Governor Michael Dukakis.

It was another milestone victory for the black activist, who was treated as the scourge of the party by Democratic insiders in his 1984 campaign for the White House. Michigan has given him his first triumph in a non-Southern industrial state and has thrown the Democrats into even greater turmoil.

But for another candidate, Representative Richard Gephardt, the result was almost certainly a death knell. He ran a distant third in a state theoretically ideally suited to his semi-protectionist message aimed at blue-collar workers.

Mr Gephardt, whose campaign has been blighted by the perception that he will say almost anything to anybody to win votes, has until tomorrow to decide whether to file for re-election to his House of Representatives seat in Missouri, which he has held for 11 years. It has been widely speculated that he would pull out of the presidential contest if he did badly in Saturday's poll.

With 94 per cent of the Michigan count completed, Mr Jackson had 55 per cent of the vote, Mr Dukakis 28 per cent, and Mr Gephardt 13 per cent. Michigan is 12 per cent black, and the turnout for Mr Jackson was high. The turnout



among whites was very low.

Despite Mr Jackson's astonishing string of successes, he is generally not getting more than 10 per cent of the white vote in any state, which raises serious doubts about his ability to be nominated.

But at the moment the figures are impressive. The delegate totals, before Michigan, were: Mr Dukakis, 548; Mr Jackson, 520; Senator Albert Gore, 362; Mr Gephardt, 254; Senator Paul Simon, 171; uncommitted, 354. It takes 2,082 delegates to get nominated, and with more than half the delegates already chosen, it looks more and more probable that both Mr Dukakis and Mr Jackson will be hundreds short when the primaries end on June 7.

Michigan's election was a complex mixture of primaries and caucuses. Mr Dukakis's second place was particularly painful because it came on the heels of his distant third place in Illinois which, like Michigan, is the sort of state the Democrats must win if they are to regain the presidency.

The next important test will be the Connecticut poll tomorrow. Mr Jackson, who worked phenomenonally hard in old-style "pumping the flesh" campaigning, declared triumphantly that "it's message and soul against money and technology".

He said of his white support that "Iowa broke the ice and it has continued to build from there."

Mr Simon and Mr Gore, who made only token efforts in Michigan, took about 3 per cent of the votes each.

Democrat focus turns to convention 'wise men'

From Michael Binyon
Washington

With the increasing likelihood that no Democratic contender will be able to win enough delegates in the primary elections to assure him of the nomination, the focus of the campaign is turning more and more on the "super-delegates" — the 646-strong block of governors, members of Congress and the Democratic National Committee on whose votes the nomination may now depend.

These super-delegates were created after the 1980 election in an effort to moderate the party's reforms of the 1970s, which were in danger of leading to chaos and deadlock at the conventions. The intention was to give active and seasoned politicians a greater say, and bring a greater sense of electoral realism to the convention.

If there is a brokered convention, it is these people who will play the pivotal role in bringing factions together and mobilizing support for whichever candidate seems the most electable. They will not be kingmakers as such, but already Governor Michael Dukakis and other contenders are actively seeking their support.

"Delegate trackers" are engaged full-time to seek out the uncommitted, find out their interests, leanings and demands, and then persuade them that their candidates have the best chance of winning and delivering on these agendas.

This year the super-delegates will include some of the most famous names in Democratic politics. There will be five "elder statemen" — former President Jimmy Carter, former Vice-President Walter Mondale, the former Speakers of the House, Mr Thomas "Tip" O'Neill and Mr Carl Albert, and the former Senate majority leader and now ambassador to Japan, Mr Mike Mansfield.

All 26 governors will be present. So will 80 per cent of the Democratic members of Congress (208 from the House of Representatives and 43 from the Senate) and the entire Democratic National Committee, with 362 convention delegate votes.

Not all of them will be engaged in brokering. Mr Paul Kirk, the national committee chairman who will play a key role, confidently expects that the candidates themselves will decide what alliances they will make and on what terms, and will probably do so before the convention opens in Atlanta in July. That gives great importance to their campaign managers and strategists.

Others who could act as go-betweens for the leading contenders include Mr William Gray of Pennsylvania, a black congressman who will be a key sherpa for Mr Jackson, and Congressman Tony Coelho, the house majority whip, and Gephardt supporter, who played a vital behind-the-scenes role in 1984.

Several influential senators will be eagerly courted: Senator Sam Nunn has already endorsed his Senate colleague Albert Gore, but intends to go to Atlanta as an uncommitted delegate, where his "quiet conversations" will be crucial; Senator Bill Bradley has just come out for Mr Dukakis; and Senator Edward Kennedy, who helped settle a feud between Mr Mondale and Mr Gary Hart in 1984, may again play a key role for Governor Dukakis, also from Massachusetts.

American labour unions are always important to the Democrats, and can do much to deliver the vote. Although they have not endorsed anyone this year, Mr Lane Kirkland, the head of the AFL-CIO — the US equivalent of the TUC — can help any nominee.

Two men will also play vital roles in steering the whole cumbersome procedure: Governor James Blanchard of Michigan, chairman of the convention's platform committee, who can help adopt the losing candidates' demands as platform planks, and Mr Jim Wright, the Speaker of the House. Mr Wright, nominally heading the large block of uncommitted House delegates, will also be the convention chairman.

They all have an interest in controlling the bargaining and preventing an image of public wrangling. They will not operate from the notorious smoke-filled rooms, but are determined that dealsshould be made behind closed doors, and not conducted by anchormen on network televison.

Kremlin reverts to strong-arm tactics on Armenian protests

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

By employing strong-arm tactics reminiscent of the discredited Brezhnev era, the Kremlin succeeded at the weekend in preventing more large-scale street protests by Armenian nationalists trying to redraw the internal boundaries of the Soviet Union.

A combination of military police and KGB presence was used by the authorities in Yerevan, the Armenian capital, where many ringleaders of the recent mass demonstrations in support of reunification with the Azerbaijani region of Nagorno-Karabakh were detained.

In Moscow yesterday scores of heavy lorries blocked the car park close to the main Armenian cemetery to prevent any further protests there. The entrance to the graveyard and the 19th-century Armenian church were barred by KGB guards to anyone failing to produce a special registration card indicating a family grave inside.

Although soldiers were not brought out in Moscow, the KGB and uniformed militia mounted a military-style operation to prevent any gathering of Armenian nationalists. For nearly half a mile around the cemetery — the scene of recent Sunday morning protests — KGB agents were reporting on all those approaching in the spring sunshine.

A weeping Armenian woman, who had arrived that morning from Yerevan, was starting to tell waiting Western reporters details of the military crackdown there when she took fright at the approach of a group of KGB agents and fled without giving further details. The militia repeatedly shouted instructions at the reporters through megaphones to move away and insisted that the new cemetery regulations had been in operation for a long period.

The emotional state of the Yerevan woman was evidence that behind the screen of Kremlin-inspired propaganda about a gradual return to normality, the crisis remains unresolved.

One Yerevan student told *The Times* by telephone: "As soon as the soldiers have gone, we will all be back on the streets demonstrating again for the return of our land." But there was no way of telling if this was just bravado. Miss Katrine Karine Stepanyan, the girlfriend of one of four arrested Armenian nationalist leaders, Mr Paruir Airikyan, sounded less confident that the protest would survive the weight of Kremlin repression.

"The movement will try to keep going. But we cannot say as of this moment if it will last or not", she said yesterday by telephone from the Armenian capital. "The people are now in a bad mood and low temper. Repressions are underway: the authorities want to suppress our attempts."

The switch of policy from the latitude shown towards the protesters last month, when up to one million of them gathered in Yerevan's Opera Square, was seen as hard evidence that hard-liners in the Kremlin have overcome attempts at a new approach tried earlier. This represents a blow to Mr Mikhail Gorbachov in his attempts to change the way in which the Soviet Union handles such internal difficulties.

Already Dr Andrei Sakharov, the human rights campaigner and former leader of the Moscow dissident movement, has written personally to Mr Gorbachov to protest about the Kremlin's handling of the whole Nagorno-Karabakh crisis, and further protests are expected as more concrete information emerges of the harsh measures taken.

In Nagorno-Karabakh, where over 75 per cent of the population are Armenians, it was confirmed by the authorities that many people were observing a three-day national strike ordered to further the call for the region's return to Armenian control. In 1923 the region was transferred to the largely Muslim republic of Azerbaijan.

"Public order is being maintained, there is a relative calm in the Nagorno-Karabakh autonomous region. But the majority of enterprises in the regional centre of Stepanakert are idle," *Pravda* reported yesterday.

All Western correspondents have been banned from the area indefinitely. Meanwhile the KGB has stepped up its attempts to prevent such reporters from contacting dissidents with Armenian sources.

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Vassiliou declines Denktas meeting

From Mario Modiano, Nicosia

When President Vassiliou of Cyprus flies to London on Wednesday to see Mrs Thatcher, he will be practically rubbing shoulders at Heathrow with Mr Rauf Denktas, the Turkish-Cypriot leader whose week of lobbying in London ends that day. But the two men will not meet.

President Vassiliou has rejected Mr Denktas's offer for a meeting, even with no strings attached. Instead, he intends to propose later today the reopening of inter-communal talks in Cyprus under UN auspices, combined with measures designed to bring the island's two estranged communities closer together.

President Vassiliou said he did not believe Mr Denktas wanted a meaningful meeting. "He is playing for impressions," he told *The Times* in an interview. "Informal meetings build up false expectations. We need to broach the substance of the problem and this can only be done in the framework of the United Nations."

Mr Denktas had told *The Times* that he was ready to meet Mr Vassiliou on the same basis as his previous meetings with Presidents Makarios and Kyprianou, although those were before Turkish-Cypriot secession in 1983.

"I am ready to meet Mr Denktas on that basis in London even tomorrow, provided he renounces (the) unilateral declaration of independence", President Vassiliou said.

He said he was going to London because a meeting between the newly-elected head of a Commonwealth country and the British Prime Minister was "a must". Furthermore, Mrs Thatcher is due to visit Turkey on April 6 and Mr Vassiliou wants her to know where he stands.

Mr Vassiliou has asked for a meeting himself with Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, believing that he, rather than Mr Denktas, can answer vital questions. Mr Vassiliou hopes Mrs Thatcher can help arrange a meeting.

"I cannot discuss with Mr Denktas the removal of Turkish troops and mainland settlers from Cyprus, nor the nature of international guarantees," he said. "Yet we need to know the answers before we can settle the problem."

He argues that "there are a million ways" to guarantee the security of Turkish-Cypriots without an occupation army, and says if Turkey's military presence on the island relates to expansionism or regional strategy, "there can be no solution".

In both Nicosia and Athens, which Mr Vassiliou visited last week, there is concern that unless Mr Ozal is helped to prevail in what is seen as a power struggle in Turkey, military or religious fundamentalists could plant an expansionist or subversive state in the Mediterranean.

In his discussion with Mrs Thatcher, he did not expect the British Government to produce a magic formula or to assume a more decisive role, at least not while the UN initiative was still alive.

He rejected Mr Denktas's condition that the dialogue should be on the basis of the March 1986 UN proposals. "That position is unworkable. It would keep the two communities divided for ever."

He saw as a practical solution a federal system with two constituent parts, with the majority of Turkish-Cypriots living in one, and the majority of Greek-Cypriots in the other. It should not take more than three months to produce an acceptable blueprint, he said.

An agreed timetable would synchronize the establishment of a federal government with the departure of Greek and Turkish troops. The British bases were not an issue now, he said. The UN Security Council would stipulate the guarantees against outside interference.

Mr Vassiliou said: "I want to give a clear message to the whole world. There is absolutely no way we shall ever accept an independent Turkish state in the north. Cyprus has to be a united, integral country — a federation, yes — but one country."

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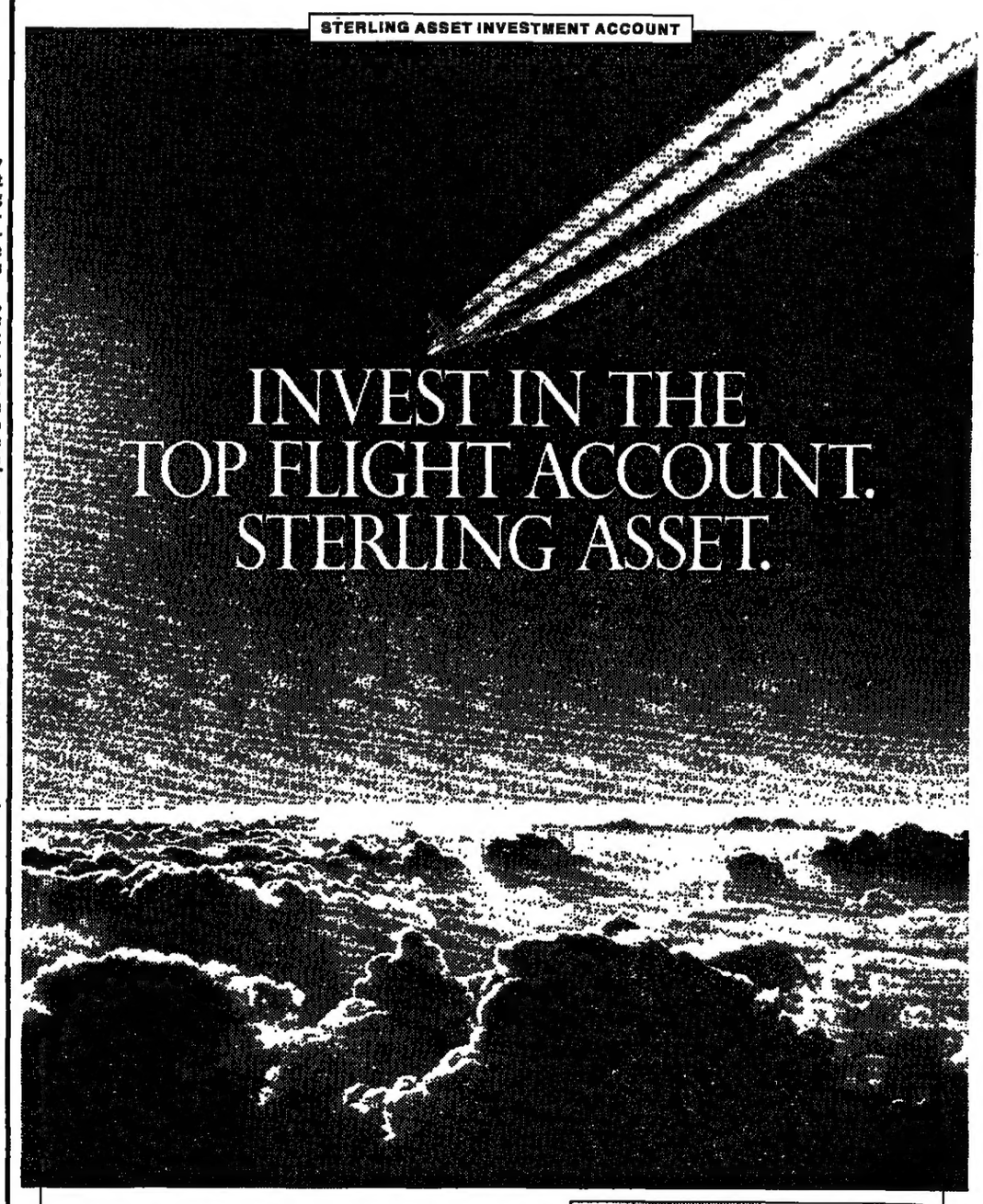

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Weekend of violence adds to Arab death toll

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

Four more Palestinians, including a 14-year-old boy, were shot dead by Israeli troops yesterday during a weekend of violence that has claimed seven lives.

Three of yesterday's deaths occurred in the West Bank village of Maythalum, north of Nablus, where villagers confronted Israeli soldiers during an early morning raid.

According to an Israel radio report, the villagers attacked the troops with axes and stones. The soldiers then opened fire and said they killed two of their assailants. The circumstances of the third death were being investigated.

Palestinian sources named the three victims as Mr Amar Rabayah, aged 23, Mr Fahim Noeret, aged 27, and Mr Ghassan Noeret, aged 17.

Later in the day, Yassir Assad al-Khabawi, aged 14, was shot dead at the village of Salfit on the main Ramallah-Nablus Road. Reports from the area said villagers had tried to prevent an Israeli force from entering the village and that the soldiers had opened fire, killing the boy instantly. Yesterday's deaths bring to 113 the number of Palestinians killed by the Israelis since the uprising in the occupied territories broke out last December 9.

On Saturday, two Palestinians were shot dead at Kafr Thilth in the West Bank. According to Israeli military sources, soldiers opened fire after they were surrounded by a mob throwing stones and iron bars. Palestinian sources identified the two killed as Mr Majid Hussein Dib, aged 19, and Mr Awad Ibrahim Kassem, aged 30.

Also on Saturday the death was recorded of Mr Ayyad Saleh, aged 21, who died in hospital of gunshot wounds received in a clash with Israeli soldiers on Friday.

More than 30 Palestinians were wounded in clashes which took place throughout the West Bank and Gaza over the weekend, including several in Christian towns which have been relatively quiet so far. Bethlehem, Ramallah, Beit Jallah and Beit Sahur, all Christian centres, were the scene of mass protests after church services yesterday.

At Yatta village near Hebron, a crowd of demonstrators set fire to the local municipal building. The leaders of the uprising have been calling for the resignation of all Palestinian municipal and local council workers.

Several trouble spots were declared closed military areas over the weekend and placed off limits to the press. This move was in line with an apparent decision to restrict coverage of the uprising, since the international uproar provoked last month by the CBS film of four Israeli soldiers beating two Arabs.

Meanwhile, government officials here are preparing for another visit to the region next week by the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz. It was announced in Washington that he will be back in Israel on April 3.

Mr Shultz is likely to seek a definite answer to his peace plan, floated when he visited the Middle East earlier this month. Israel's Cabinet is still split on the plan.

● WASHINGTON: The US State Department announced that Mr Shultz had decided another trip would be "useful" after hearing a report on Friday from Mr Philip Habib, his special Middle East envoy, just back from consultings with Arab and Israeli leaders (Christopher Thomas writes).

Mr Charles Redman, the department spokesman, said: "We are going to continue to work on our proposals for the peace process. We are going to push it through." The Secretary of State will arrive in the region after two days of bilateral talks in Rome with Italian officials. He will be going to Jordan, Syria, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia, as well as Israel, before returning home on April 8.

Swedish protest against Iraqi chemical attack

Mounted Swedish police armed with whips driving back a large crowd of demonstrators who gathered outside the Iraqi Embassy in Stockholm to protest against Iraq's use of chemical weapons last week in Iranian-occupied Kurdistan. Swedish Red Cross officials said yesterday that Swedish hospitals are to treat 10 Iranians severely injured during the chemical attack (AFP reports).

Iran has accused Iraq of using chemical weapons that killed more than 5,000 and injured 5,000 in response to an Iranian offensive into Iraqi Kurdistan. Baghdad has denied the allegations.

Yesterday Tehran said that its Revolutionary Guards had advanced farther towards a strategic dam in Iraqi Kurdistan, and Iran and Iraq fired more missiles at residential areas as the "war of the cities" continued unabated.

Meanwhile, shipping sources in the Gulf reported that Iranian gunboats raked an Indian tanker with machine-gun fire off the United Arab Emirates, starting a fire and wounding a member of the crew.

An Iraqi military spokesman said an Iranian missile crashed into a densely populated residential area of Baghdad, killing civilians and destroying property. The Iranian news agency Irna, received in Cyprus, said the missile was launched in retaliation for Iraqi missiles which killed and wounded civilians in Tehran on Saturday.

The agency also reported that Iraqi missiles landed on Tehran and the city of Esfahan yesterday morning, causing casualties and destroying houses and cars. Baghdad said four missiles were fired at the two cities.

Irna, in a series of reports from Iraq's northern Sulaymaniyah province, said guards had advanced to within five miles of a dam and hydro-electric power station on Lake Darbandikhan.

The shipping sources identified the Indian tanker as the 24,529-tonne Jainarayan Vyas. It was the seventh neutral vessel attacked by Iran over the past week.

Swiss Army in battle against abolition

By Christopher Walker

The Swiss Army, which has never had to fight a foreign war, is now bracing itself for a political battle at home against left-wing activists and self-styled peace campaigners who have forced a nationwide referendum aimed at securing its abolition.

Capable of mobilizing 630,000 trained men in only 48 hours, the uniquely organized militia force is regarded by experts as one of the most efficient in the world.

The attempt to force it out of existence is being supported by an ad hoc coalition of left-wing splinter groups, including the Young Socialists and the small Communist Party, which in 1986 succeeded in collecting more than the minimum 100,000 signatures necessary under the Constitution to secure a vote to amend it.

Under Swiss law, the Government is due to present a report to the two Houses of Parliament on the abolition call later this year (probably in May), which will be followed, after months of intensive public debate, by a vote, expected some time late in 1989.

"We are convinced that the call to disband us will be defeated because the major parties are all opposed to it," said Colonel Peter Flückiger, chief spokesman of the Army's training command. "I believe that many people who actually want an army signed the petition because they want an end to this debate and a convincing vote in favour of retaining it."

Political observers maintain that one cause of the surprisingly large total of signatures secured by the petitioners was growing discontent among young Swiss about the system which requires all able-bodied men between the ages of 20 and 50 to have at least 330 days of military training.

The Army has a central professional core of only 670 officers and 980 NCOs, the rest of its strength coming from national servicemen.

The debate about the Army's future, which is being closely monitored by diplomats from East and West, has been intensified by a suggestion that its 3,000 women recruits should be able to keep their personal weapons at home like Swiss male recruits.

The issue has been temporarily put aside while the Army command investigates the feasibility of extending the four-week basic training period for women (not regarded as sufficient to learn to use a gun safely).

"It seems that some people have forgotten the lessons of history: that you always have an army on your soil, either your own or a foreign one," said the colonel.

His view was echoed by Captain Reto Krattli, aged 28, a professional with two years' service behind him. "If my friends argue about it, I tell them we need a strong army in order to guarantee our neutrality," he said. "If you have a weak one like Afghanistan, look what happens to you."

Backed by an annual budget of 4.4 billion Swiss francs (£1.7 billion) – which the anti-military campaigners maintain can be better spent elsewhere – the defensive capacity of the Swiss Army is greatly enhanced by the country's terrain.

Despite the 116,000 signatures secured by the left-wing activists (out of a population of 6.5 million) the Swiss Army's confidence in its long-term future has been boosted by the results of a 1981 survey which showed 85 per cent of voters convinced of the necessity to maintain an army and 81 per cent who wanted Switzerland to defend itself by force of arms in the event of an invasion.

Madrid hunt for kidnap 'contact'

Madrid – The Spanish police intensified the search for the woman, aged 35, with the aliases Nekane and Potxoka, who they suspect is the permanent contact here of the Basque gang that kidnapped a businessman, Señor Emiliano Revilla, a month ago (Harry Debelius writes).

As the victim's family reportedly asked Eta, the separatist organization, for a sign that their captive was still alive, Señor Rafael Vera, the Secretary of State for Security, took control of the case and stepped up investigations in Madrid. The authorities were anxious to find Señor Revilla before a one-billion peseta (£5 million) ransom was paid.

Bomb move

Rotterdam (AFP) – Dutch authorities evacuated 7,000 people from a southern district of this city before bomb disposal experts started to defuse a 1,100lb dropped by the RAF during the Second World War.

Guns on offer

Colombo (AFP) – The Sri Lankan Government has offered to arm candidates for the first provincial council elections after two were killed by suspected Sinhalese extremists, political sources said.

Rapists to die

Cairo (AP) – A court sentenced three workers to death and jailed three others for life for the rape of a schoolgirl.

Drug purge

Georgetown (AFP) – President Hoyte of Guyana signed a law that would allow the death penalty or life imprisonment for drug dealing.

Papal visit

Vatican City (AFP) – The Pope said he would visit the shrine of Santiago de Compostela, in north-west Spain, during a visit next year.

Monkey rage

Riyadh (AP) – Monkeys roaming Saudi Arabia's southern desert smashed the windows of a car that had killed one of their number.

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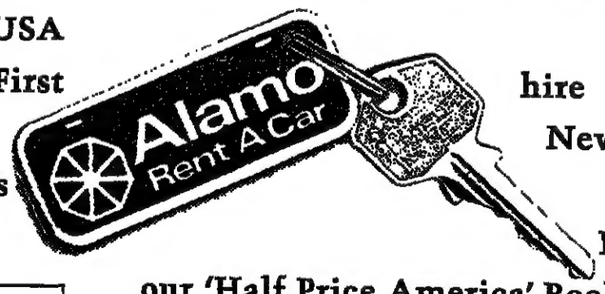

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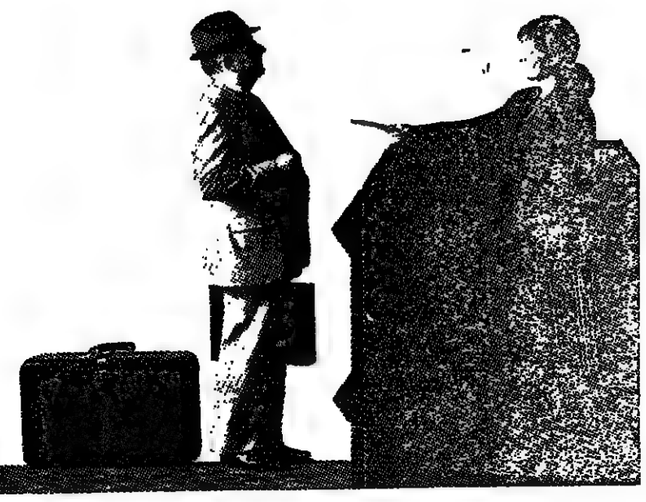

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Catholics under fire as Pinochet claims God's own mandate

From Lake Sagaris, Santiago

Tension between Chile's military Government and the powerful Roman Catholic Church is mounting as the plebiscite to decide the next President comes closer.

Verbal attacks against priests and physical attacks against churches have escalated since December when Señor Sergio Fernández, the Minister of the Interior, told a meeting of top government advisers that the "extremist church", terrorism and foreign intervention were the three main threats to Chile's social order.

President Pinochet and the church hierarchy have been at odds ever since the 1973 military coup, with General Pinochet, who is Catholic, claiming his mandate comes straight from God.

There will be only one candidate in the presidential plebiscite later this year and it is generally believed General Pinochet, who has ruled Chile for 15 years, plans to continue.

A "documentary" of the Pope's 1987 visit to Chile is standard fare for cinema-goers these days: it shows General Pinochet constantly accompanying the Pope and implies the two men share the same values and goals.

However, General Pinochet's campaign to convince Chile's 10 million (of a total population of 12 million) Catholics that he has God's nod of approval has found little support among Chilean church authorities.

The papal representative in Chile, Mgr Angelo Sodano, generally favours the military regime. But only four members of the 33-member National Bishops' Committee are unconditional supporters of the President and 17 bishops implacably oppose him.

In spite of rumours that a more conservative man would take over as head of the bishops' committee, in December the bishops elected Bishop Carlos González, who believes the Church should lead and not follow its flock.

Soon after the election, 150 priests and nuns signed a public letter condemning the regime's human rights, social and economic policies.

"We live in a climate of permanent war, disguised as peace, whose fruits are fear, insecurity and distrust," they said. "In the name of the God of life and the suffering of the people, we lay the responsibility ... on one person: Augusto Pinochet Ugarte. For this reason, we say he's morally unqualified to run for President of the nation."

The letter touched off a storm of protest from government authorities and created debate within the Church, but church leaders avoided a serious split by criticizing the strong language of the letter and leaving the message alone.

This month Mgr González criticized the Government's renewal of the state of emergency, saying it did not create the conditions necessary for a fair plebiscite.

The Government's verbal attacks on outspoken church leaders have occurred at the same time as "anti-communist" commandos have physically attacked churches, chapels and the offices of Mgr González. Leading church figures have received constant death threats.

Father Renato Hevia, the Jesuit who edits the magazine *Mensaje*, believes the bishops will stick to judging the plebiscite's form, rather than its content.

March on Narita airport

Helmeted and gagged students marching to Narita airport, Tokyo, yesterday in a protest on the 10th anniversary of the "war" over its construction. Police, concerned that left-wing groups opposed to the building of two more runways might try to storm the airport, outnumbered the marchers by almost three to one (David Watts writes). The 1,500 police who protect the airport were reinforced by another 9,500 for what promised to be a showdown in the style of a decade ago, when radicals stormed the control tower and forced police to use a helicopter to rescue airport staff. But yesterday's largely peaceful demonstrations, involving about 4,000 people, revealedthe radicals' waning support.

Drive against corruption nets Chun's brother

From Gavin Bell, Seoul

A corruption scandal permeating the upper echelons of South Korea's political establishment is about to claim its first victim in the person of Mr Chun Kyung Hwan, a brother of former President Chun Doo Hwan.

The younger Mr Chun, aged 46, is expected to be arrested early this week on charges of embezzling at least £5 million — but possibly more than £7 million — in public and private funds while chairman of a rural development agency.

The remarkable speed with which he has been brought to account by the new regime, which took office only last month, reflects at once a commitment to stamp out corruption and to mitigate political damage to the ruling Democratic Justice Party in the forthcoming general elections.

Analysts say it also indicates that aides of Mr Roh Tae Woo, the new President, have prevailed in a discreet power struggle with remnants of the Chun administration still in influential posts.

A series of official "leaks" has exposed a web of deceit, bribery and secret bank accounts allegedly spun by Mr Chun and others while he headed the quasi-political Saemaul organization for seven years until last year.

Sources close to the ruling party say the affair involves so many people in the present Government that a thorough investigation may be impossible without a reshuffle of Cabinet and other top jobs.

The opposition parties, eager to gain political advantage, allege that suspects include 30 DJP candidates for the National Assembly elections next month.

Turning what threatened to be a Sword of Damocles to his advantage, President Roh has evidently ordered the judiciary to probe the affair as quickly as possible. Mr You Kyung Hyun, the ruling party's spokesman, said: "There will be no sanctuary, even for the first family, from his (the President's) campaign to fight against corruption."

Mr Lee Hyun Jae, the Prime Minister, promised a strict but impartial investigation: "The Government will eradicate possible irregularities committed during the Fifth Republic in accordance with the people's aspirations ... If Chun violated the law, he will be dealt with in accordance with the principle of legality."

The Prosecutor-General's Office has lent credence to the pledges by banning 34 people, including Mr Chun and one of his brothers-in-law, from leaving the country. The organization from which Mr Chun derived his power was created in the early 1970s, with the aim of improving rural living standards.

With generous government subsidies and private donations, villagers built roads, replaced thatched cottages with tiled houses, and began cash crop farming.

The agency is alleged to have become riddled with corruption and influence-peddling under Mr Chun, whose authority was enhanced by his family relationship with the ex-President. During his term of office, it attracted a total of £80 million in funds.

Kim Myong Sik, the *Korea Times* political editor, wrote yesterday: "People now know that many senior officials, including Cabinet ministers, queued in front of the Saemaul headquarters to pay respects to the man of influence. They are also aware in what expedient manner administration officials approved projects in which the Saemaul chairman was interested and how they condoned improper activities."

Investigators have discovered at least 10 bank accounts used by Mr Chun under false names or those of his relatives and aides who were also Saemaul officials.

He is said to have deposited large sums with the Hanil Bank, which went bankrupt in 1985, two months after Mr Chun is alleged to have forced it to lend £3.6 million to an industrial corporation.

The scandal broke at an embarrassing moment for the former President — just a day before he left for the United States to meet President Reagan and other US leaders. He is expected to cut short his three-week visit by one week and return home on April 10.

Meanwhile, his brother is under virtual house arrest.

Ex-President Chun: Cutting short his visit to America.

Letter from Prague

Buildings debate spurs glasnost

Prague's Old Town Square, Staromestske Namesti, is one of the jewels of Central European architecture. Its monuments are those of Bohemia's medieval and Habsburg kings, and not of the communist state which has held sway in Czechoslovakia since 1948.

For 40 years the square has been threatened by a series of plans for redevelopment. The latest of these has now been placed before the people of the city, and they do not appear to think much of it.

The space for redevelopment was a gift from the German Wehrmacht and the Waffen SS on the penultimate day of the Second World War. The people of Prague, in a belated uprising, had occupied the Town Hall, and the Germans used what was left of their ammunition to shell the building. Most of it burnt down, together with the municipal archives. The Soviet Army arrived the next day.

Fortunately, most of the medieval section at the south end of the complex was spared. Since the buildings lost were mainly 19th century, and since Prague is packed with architectural monuments, no one thought it worthwhile to rebuild them as they had been. The resulting gap was left as a lawn, opening a fine view of the façade of St Michael's Church, but giving the remnants of the Town Hall a strangely bald appearance.

This has caused spiritual anguish both to Czechoslovak architects, who talk of the square's "lack of balance" and dream of glorious commissions, and to the state, which dreams of more offices and a new monument to itself.

The latest plan for redevelopment involved an architects' competition. The jury, however, apparently distinguished for loyalty to the Communist Party and little else chose not to award a first prize, but decided instead to select a group of five different proposals, and ask the people for their opinion. This has been done through an exhibition in the Town Hall, accompanied by a questionnaire asking visitors to grade the five schemes according to various criteria. The results are to be fed into a computer.

This is a small sign of *glasnost* (openness), which is otherwise little in evidence in Czechoslovakia, even in this limited form. There is only one problem: all five proposed buildings are horrible. They look like ideas that might have been rejected for the new centre of Birmingham on the ground of insufficient imagination. Even the two which have some elements of originality would utterly ruin the unity and harmony of the square.

It is believed that most of those who have filled in the questionnaires have ticked the option calling for the space to be left as a park, or have added comments emphasizing the need for any new construction to harmonize with its surroundings. This is certainly the tenor of most of the remarks in the open visitors' book, some of them tailing into insults against architects as an accursed breed.

The citizens of Prague are apparently hoping that this is going to have an effect on the authorities, and that this scheme will bite the dust like others before it. That would be a small but welcome victory for *glasnost à la Bohème*.

But the inhabitants of Prague have other, more pressing problems: apart from the main tourist sights, many of the old buildings are crumbling. As more and more Czechoslovaks are willing to say, at least in private, they badly need *perestroika* (reconstruction) as well as *glasnost*.

Another reason why it is thought that the scheme may fail is that Czechoslovakia, once one of the richer countries in Europe, is poor and getting poorer. It cannot afford architectural daydreams.

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French losing fight to keep Euro-MPs in Strasbourg

From Richard Owen, Brussels

The politically explosive issue of moving the European Parliament from Strasbourg to Brussels in time for 1992 is coming to a head, according to EEC officials and Euro-MPs. This is despite fierce opposition from France, which is determined to keep the Parliament in Strasbourg and is prepared to take action in the European Court.

Supporters of the move now believe a majority of the Parliament's 518 members favours moving to the centre of EEC decision-making in time for the completion of the *unified European market in* 1992. But France argues that it is up to summit leaders to decide the issue, not the Parliament itself.

The Parliament's political committee is planning to present a report on the proposed move at the next Strasbourg session in two weeks time.

The report, drawn up by Mr Derek Prag, Conservative Euro-MP for Hertfordshire, is to recommend "a single seat" for the Parliament as it gains increased powers. The campaign will gather momentum during the run-up to direct parliamentary elections next year.

At present, an Air France Fokker28 leaves Brussels for Strasbourg every month, with commissioners, Euro-MPs and EEC journalists on board, bound for the weeklong plenary session. Those unable to get a seat on the plane go by train or car — a five-hour journey from here. Mr Peter Price, Conservative Euro-MP for London South-East, estimates that moving staff and documents between the Parliament's committee rooms in Brussels, its secretariat in Luxembourg and its debating chamber in Strasbourg cost the European taxpayer about £25 million a year.

But almost unnoticed, plans are going ahead to build a new chamber in Brussels, behind the Parliament's ultra-modern committee rooms not far from the European Commission headquarters. At present the site is a wasteland and objections from local residents have brought construction to a temporary halt through a court order. But a sign at the entrance announces that a European Convention Centre is to rise here, and the stoppage is expected to be temporary.

The centre is being built with private backing, some of it British. But it just happens to have full translation facilities and a semi-circular auditorium with capacity for 700 seats. The present Parliament building in Strasbourg houses 518 MPs from the Twelve. "By the time we move to Brussels, Norway or Austria may be in, or nearly in," one Parliament source observed.

Despite its higher profile, the European Parliament is still very far from being a genuine Euro-legislature. EEC decisions are made by the Commission and the Council of Ministers, with the Parliament "advising", except on some budgetary issues, where it has power. Its more eccentric members still make Strasbourg a laughing-stock, wasting debating time with long-winded procedural delays and points of order.

But under Lord Plumb, the Parliament's president, procedures have been tightened up. Above all, the Single European Act amending the Treaty of Rome has given the European Parliament a crucial second reading — and hence the final say — in Bills relating to the internal market and 1992. The Parliament can also withhold approval of EEC trade deals, a power it used this month to overturn a new agreement with Israel.

The Parliament's resolution does not name Brussels as the future parliamentary seat. But it argues that the Parliament must make "more satisfactory arrangements for carrying out its tasks" by "deciding for itself on its main place of work". *This is "the self-evident right of a parliament elected by direct universal suffrage".*

The controversy arises because the Treaty of Rome is silent on where the Parliament (called the Assembly in the early days before direct elections) should meet, noting only that this is to be determined "by common accord of the member governments" (Article 216). A subsequent 1965 decision by the Twelve — not by the Parliament itself — avoided the issue by referring to "three provisional sites" — Strasbourg, Luxembourg and Brussels.

France argues that Strasbourg and Alsace-Lorraine have symbolic significance for Europe as the scene of Franco-German reconciliation after centuries of conflict. M Pierre Pflimlin, the former mayor of Strasbourg and Lord Plumb's predecessor as president, built the present chamber and associated offices and facilities to a high standard of comfort, to keep Euro-MPs in Strasbourg. The city has other attractions, too — a glorious cathedral and old town, not to mention gastronomic delights.

Only last September M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, told a mass rally in Strasbourg that the city's right to play host to the Parliament was "not negotiable". M Chirac is unlikely to take a less hardline stand now that he is a contender for the French presidency. Paris, according to EEC officials, has set aside a £2 million fighting fund to stop the move to Brussels.

The European Commission will tomorrow a report spelling out the financial advantages of completing the internal market by 1992, *officials said yesterday. The savings were highlighted by* Sir Fred Catherwood, Conservative Euro-MP, who said removal of barriers would save £100 billion a year.

Noriega orders troops to break strike

Riot police with tear-gas canisters racing towards a crowd in Panama City who chanted anti-government slogans as police and troops took over the privately-owned Harinas Panama flour mill and arrested striking workers. Troops, acting on the orders of the military leader General Manuel Noriega, also took over strike-closed ports and seized another flour mill (Reuter reports).

The first overt intervention since the start of an indefinite general strike a week ago heightened tensions here and, diplomats said, clearly showed that General Noriega was far from ready to bow to US and domestic demands that he *step down as the country's de facto ruler.*

At dawn on Saturday, troops moved to break a two-week-old strike by dock workers at the port of Balboa, at the Pacific entrance to the strategic Panama Canal. The administrator of the port, *Señor Humberto Soto, said the troops* dislodged about 30 workers from union headquarters. There were unconfirmed reports that shots were fired and that arrests were made. Señor Soto said 12 dockers reported to work and he hoped *they would all gradually return by today.*

At midday troops raided the two private flour mills after the owners defied an order to sell their stocks to the Government and said they would donate them to charity instead. Twenty-three *employees and the general manager of* Harinas were detained for several hours.

Strike challenges Cavaco hard line

From Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

The Prime Minister of Portugal, Professor Anibal Cavaco Silva, whose right-of-centre Social Democrats last July won the country's first absolute majority since democracy was established after the 1974 Revolution, is seeing his popularity decline sharply and faces a general strike today.

Recent public opinion polls have put the fall in his popularity at about 3 per cent per month. Last September 60 per cent approved of how he was governing, with only 11 per cent disapproving. At the end of February, only 43 per cent backed him and 25 per cent were dissatisfied.

Both the big central unions — the Communist-dominated CGTP and the Socialist-led UGT — are pulling their members out on strike today to protest against the Prime Minister's proposed package of labour legislation which will permit indiscriminate firing not currently allowed under the Constitution.

Only the Social Democrats in the UGT announced that they will not join the stoppage because it is "merely a joint political manoeuvre by the Communists and Socialists". But the Social Democratic unions did say that they were opposed to many of the measures in the labour package. The Christian Democrats have announced that they will support the strike.

The main reason for the decline in the Government's popularity and the general strike is Professor Cavaco Silva's steely determination to modernize and restructure Portugal at all costs to prepare its agriculture and industry for the fierce competition from EEC countries — particularly from Spanish companies and northern banking giants — when all trading barriers are removed in 1992 or, at the latest, 1995.

The Prime Minister has alienated the workers with his proposed labour laws, but has also alienated entrepreneurs by going slow on the privatization of nationalized industry and the payment of compensation that he promised during the election campaign.

He has upset farm workers in the co-operatives by his programme of handing back most of the land occupied after the revolution, but has not pleased the landowners because he has not made any move yet to compensate them for their losses in farm equipment, cattle and crops over the past decade.

There has been dissent within his party because he has openly criticized the Social Democrats in Parliament for their slowness in getting his legislation through.

His Government has even turned doctors and dentists against it by cracking down on their taxation and by forcing young doctors to pledge more time to the public sector.

Professor Cavaco Silva said last week that he was not worried by the polls because what he was doing must be done. He also said that he did not believe there would be much support for the strike.

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Fresh poll setback for Labor

From A Correspondent
Sydney

The tide turned for the Labor Party in Port Adelaide, a Labor stronghold in South Australia, at the weekend with voters delivering another embarrassing rebuff to Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister.

Port Adelaide is one of the 12 safest Labor seats in Australia and the Liberals needed a massive swing of 16.4 per cent for victory in the crucial by-election.

Just a week after the rout of Labor in the state elections in New South Wales, the Liberals almost pulled it off again on Saturday. This time, however, the Labor candidate, Mr Rod Sawford, a former headmaster, *just scraped home on* a two-party preference basis to beat the Liberal choice, Mrs Judy Fuller, who has been in politics for less than a year.

The swing against Labor was over *10 per cent and* was further proof of the nationwide crisis now facing Mr Hawke, who is accused of having lost touch with ordinary working people.

Of the 72,000 voters, 15 per cent did not bother to cast their votes, though it is compulsory in Australia — such is the disillusion with Labor, especially in Port Adelaide, which *is the seat* vacated by the former Immigration Minister, Mr Mick Young, in the wake of two recent scandals.

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Iron rod, enchanted baton

Mozart is Salzburg's favourite son, Herbert von Karajan its *wunderkind*. As the city celebrates the conductor's 80th birthday and the Easter festival he created, Brian James meets the maestro whose obsession is perfection

It took Salzburg 51 years to put up a statue to its most famous musical son, Mozart. Judging by the photographs on display along the famous medieval *Getreidegasse*, it will not take nearly so long for Herbert von Karajan to be declared immortal in the streets where he, too, was raised.

Mozart, of course, died in poverty. Von Karajan, easily the most famous conductor of his age, *can make nearly £1 million in a* good year. But it is what he has done for his city that will hasten Salzburg's tribute of statuary when the time comes.

This week von Karajan — a few days before his 80th birthday — dominates the Easter festival which he originated 22 years ago. According to burgermeister Josef Reschen, Salzburg makes £10 million from the event. "But it is more than economics. You go anywhere in America and say Salzburg, and everyone answers, 'Ah Salzburg . . . Karajan . . . Germany'. Burgermeister Reschen seemed content that his city was now widely known, even if it was not also known to be in Austria!

'My feeling is that he is the last superstar. No one will again have this kind of prominence'

Von Karajan, perhaps, already has his memorial: in the festival *hall blasted out of the rock* beneath the fortress from which the city's prince archbishops defied the rest of Europe for 1,000 years. He was at work in this *monument* when we tiptoed in to watch him prepare his new production of *Tosca*. It was the 36th rehearsal session; von Karajan had conducted every one, even supervising the run-through of the brief sound of distant church bells.

He enters, a small, frail, tracksuited figure assisted through the auditorium to where he can swing his legs over the rail to his dais in the orchestra pit. (A man who has driven the fastest cars, raced ocean yachts and flown jet planes, it seems apposite to discover he now conducts perched discreetly on a saddle from a racing bicycle.)

Without a word of greeting or preamble, he lifts his baton and you see at once that his music *ought to carry* a government health warning: it is so clearly a most powerful drug. The tiny figure has demonic energy. And command. At the end of straight arms, wrists float rather than flex. A finger scolds, alarmingly, with a single jab. An entire section is disciplined with a *ferocious* "shhhhhhhh".

Then both arms flop to the sides to declare that such incompetence (from, remember, the most distinguished orchestra *in the world*) is beyond even his power to remedy.

Singers are not spared. Soloists *find themselves suddenly in duet* with a reedy voice yammering the tempo von Karajan dictates.

An hour of this, then the maestro summons *The Times*. He is anxious to know what we think of his stunning hall ("It was my life-long wish for Salzburg; for the best. I never now have to go abroad"). He tells how it came about. It was in 1962. He was *musical director of a great festival* with a too-small hall. "But they worry about the bill of 50 million schillings (£2.5 million). They should — in the end it cost 560 million schillings." A snort of laughter. "Then they don't think we can make a hall out of the rock. I call in a friend who makes hydroelectric plants in the mountains. I say, 'Blow me a big hole'. He does, and stones go through all the windows of the old city. So now the arguing stops. They have no choice." A great cackle of mirth at this.

His hall is state of the art. The orchestra pit can be lowered nine metres. Which gives von Karajan another giggle. "One time the orchestra play too loud. With one finger on the button I lower them 20 centimetres. I tell them, 'Either you *let me hear the* singers or down you go, another eight metres'."

Then, seriously: "A few years ago I was in pain. My elbows. Knees. The wrists. I even had a small stroke. Salzburg is not Lourdes, but once I am here, all the pain is gone, the music carries away all troubles."

He makes his slow way to rehearse the final Act. Again with flashes of temper, faces of disgust (although 24 hours later we are to see an audience of 2,000 townspeople and orchestra *friends* give the production a rapturous reception). Then he returns to talk. I report that every window of the city seems filled with his photograph and displays of his record series, *100 Masterworks*, issued to mark his 80th birthday. It is a treasury: but which recording exemplifies the genius of his music-making?

"It is not yet made. It will be. It is Bach, B Minor Mass. I have made it many times. Never right. Once I rehearsed the chorus 75 times. For a year. The soloists are always the trouble. Now I have the girl, from Korea. I have the tenor. *Italian. But the secret will be the* bass. It calls for powerful voice and then a *piano* — yes, soft — voice. So I divide the part. I find a big bass. Then I say to the man for the soft voice, 'Go away two metres. Sing. If I don't hear you start or finish, you have the part'.

"He was perfect. This recording, which will be *my* best, will now be made. All is ready. When? In two years."

The idea of so distant a schedule date for an 80-year-old is less difficult to cope with after you have been shown the von Karajan concert diary, which has him *haring off to a five-concert tour of* Japan immediately after Salzburg — and not dissimilar stamina-stretching dates firmly booked to the end of 1991.

Not only Salzburg has benefited from being in the maestro's orbit: there have been times in the past 30 years when *Deutsche Grammophon* has made 50 per cent of its income from his works; an unrivalled dominance of one man's influence on what is now a great international label. After von Karajan, what? "*My feeling* is that he is the last superstar. No one will ever have this kind of prominence again. Symbols, key figures, the times are against it," says Guenther Breest, the DG man who has produced von Karajan for years.

He has been 30 years, too, conductor for life with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. In its 100-year existence, it has never been so prosperous. Many of the string section have instruments worth fortunes, loaned by sponsors drawn by von Karajan's name. The £40,000 salaries of each of the 120 musicians are frequently doubled by fees from recordings under his baton.

He sees that they earn their money. The concentration in the pit was absolute. When, after two hours, they were dismissed, they left flexing sore fingers, licking lips. (Von Karajan stayed: he wanted the chorus back to work for 30 minutes more — perfecting a single swelling murmur from a mob.)

There have been, too, a stream of artists whose careers soared from the day von Karajan looked, listened, beckoned . . . Anne-Sofie Mutter, the violinist, Anna Tomowa-Sintow, the soprano.

Madam Tomowa-Sintow: "He takes you back to the origin of music. Within 10 minutes you forget everything. No one can be a prima donna; there is no artifice left; you cease almost to be a person. You are an instrument. It is as though you are not making known music, but composing it."

Many speak in such baroque terms of von Karajan. Not all. *There are those who will never* forgive him for his years of accommodation with the Nazis, when his career lit up as Europe's lights went out; those who insist *that his obsession with perfection*, "rehearsing a note at a time", produces a mechanical brilliance; and those who recoil at his imperious manner.

James Galway played with the Berlin Philharmonic from 1969 to 1975: "It was like being an oarsman in *Ben-Hur*. You slaved away, you had to listen to the man banging the drum, but that didn't mean he would ever listen to you. I played for him for six years — he gave me more electric evenings than any other conductor ever — but I never knew him. Nor did anyone else.

"He was so busy wrangling over *record contracts, or with his wives* (von Karajan has been married three times), drinking coffee with his musicians had no place in his schedule. The BPO was so great an orchestra, a baboon could have conducted it. Yet he made it better. Then he made damn sure no other hot-shot conductor got his hands on it. When he couldn't conduct us, he saw that we were taken by a second-rater, and left out the most exciting repertoire.

"For me, he often takes things too slowly. I sometimes wondered if it was because he didn't know the piece, was feeling his way. Then if he was bored, like with *Mozart's Divertimenti*, he would charge through, making life hell for the strings. But his secret is that he rehearses the hard bits . . . too many of the others just polish simple passages.

"In many ways he is a terrible old man to deal with. Only his huge ego keeps him on *his feet*: he'd never admit that his back was killing him. He will die conducting. And music will be very diminished."

Hansjoerg Schellenberger, the BPO's first oboe, says Galway is not so much unkind as out of date. "Relations were bad. The maestro dominated, imposed. In the good times, to play for him was like a drug. But there were too many bad times. All that changed with the *dispute*."

'It was like being an oarsman in *Ben-Hur*. You slaved away, listening to him bang the drum'

The dispute was the infamous 1983 row over clarinettist Sabine Meyer, whom von Karajan employed over the orchestra's objection. He walked out to conduct the rival Vienna Philharmonic, and after a year of threats and ultimatums, the sides forged a new, more equal relationship *with a reconciliation concert* in this same Salzburg hall.

Schellenberger: "He is still a man apart. We still have daily fights. But we are now free men — *we decide which conductor, what* repertoire, which recordings when von Karajan is not involved. So the fights are only to make better music. He needs such tension. He has plans with us for three years. Or he would die. His plans keep him alive — like he looks from his window at his new car, very fast; it makes him young even though he cannot drive it, of course."

Little does he know. Herbert von Karajan, who will take great music and great musicians and bang them together until tone, tempo and delivery are exact in his ear, has, at 80, bought himself a £130,000, 197 mph Porsche 959 — *and summoned motor-rally champion* Walter Röhrl to show him how to coax from it the best possible performance.

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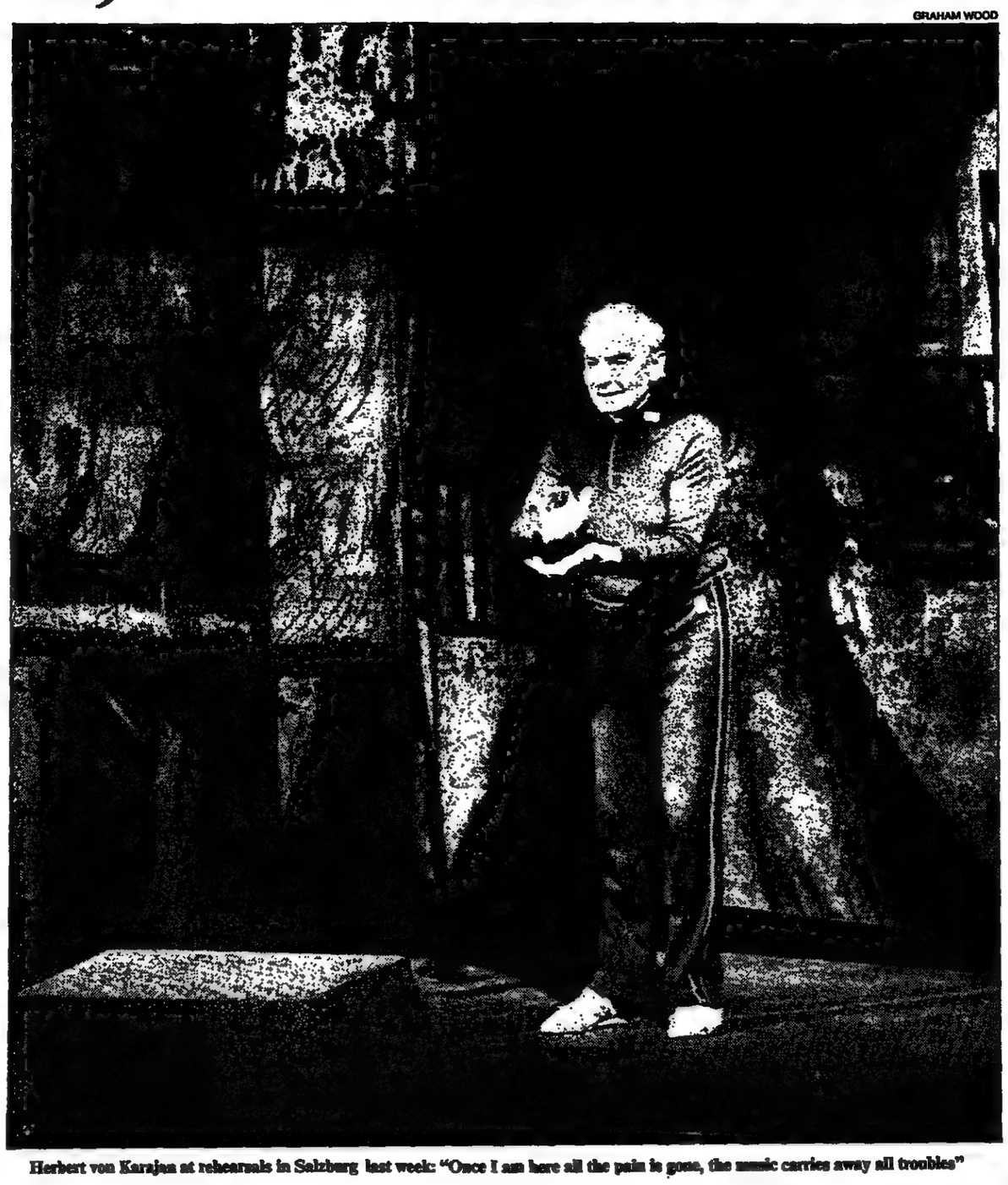

Herbert von Karajan at rehearsals in Salzburg last week: "Once I am here all the pain is gone, the music carries away all troubles"

The feeding of the five thousand

At a time when most churches are suffering declining congregations, Bradford's Abundant Life Church has just built itself a new hi-tech cathedral

Standing high on the steep side of the new ring road that sweeps up the hill from Bradford city centre, a bright new hi-tech building occupies the site of a redundant textile mill.

At night, floodlights make it a beacon seen for miles around. It looks like the headquarters of a successful computer company or a fashionable television studio. On the outside, the angular, box-like construction is all silver-grey cladding highlighted with stripes of blue and red. Inside, the designer has gone for potted plants, pastel walls and carpets, and soft furnishings. You half expect to hear the drone of hotel Muzak.

However, the large lettering over the entrance tells you that this is Britain's latest house of worship, the Abundant Life Church. At a time when the more familiar refrain from the traditional church is of increasingly empty pews and financial hard times, the ALC has spent almost £1 million on one of the largest churches built in Britain this century to cater for its burgeoning congregation.

"Our purpose was to be high-profile as a church in declaring the message we carry, and this building certainly helps," said Stephen Matthew, one of three full-time pastors who, like the tasteful decor, was colour co-ordinated in turquoise sweater and socks.

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Stephen Matthew: "We wanted to be high-profile"

The Abundant Life Church is certainly not typical of inner-city churches. It appears to have more in common, in its message and appearance, with the revivalist television evangelism of America. "The *prime* thing we offer is a clear demonstration that God has changed our people's lives. They have not just found a spiritual answer but have had marriage, financial and family problems solved. We were accused early on of 'sheep stealing' our congregation from other churches, but now most of our new members have not been *part of another church*."

The church takes its name from John; chapter 10, verse 10: "Jesus said, I have come to give you life and life more abundant." It has grown rapidly from humble beginnings. It was formed 12 years ago by an amalgamation of three small Bradford churches — a Brethren Assembly, a Pentecostal and a free house church — each with about 40 members. It had to find a new site when it outgrew its headquarters in a Victorian city-centre building.

In 1985, the church paid £112,500 for a 5½-acre site on Wapping Road, sandwiched between a small industrial site and a large council housing estate. This money came from the sale of its former headquarters and donations from its 700 members, who range in age from a few weeks old to 90 years, and include the unemployed as well as a clutch of professional people and about 30 West Indians.

A further £750,000 was raised to build the first phase *of the new church and community* centre complex, which includes an office suite with computer screens, a large hotel-like foyer and an auditorium capable of seating up to 1,000, decorated in shades of purple and grey and with built-in sound and lighting systems.

To help finance the building, the church took out a bank loan for £435,000, got a derelict-land grant of £100,000 from the government, and made up the balance from the pockets of the faithful. Matthew, a 32-year-old former chartered surveyor, is married with four young children and is paid £12,000 a year by the church. His two colleagues are a former sales manager and an ex-grammar school teacher.

Since its formation, other branches of the church have been created in neighbouring towns and, although independent, *their affairs are guided* by an apostolic team of covenant ministers. Relationships with other more established churches can vary, said Matthew. The traditional high church regards the newcomer with some suspicion.

The church was officially opened last week, and its ambitious plans are not yet complete. Among them is a proposal to expand the auditorium to seat a congregation of up to 5,000. Matthew is confident it will not be long before the builders are back.

. Peter Davenport

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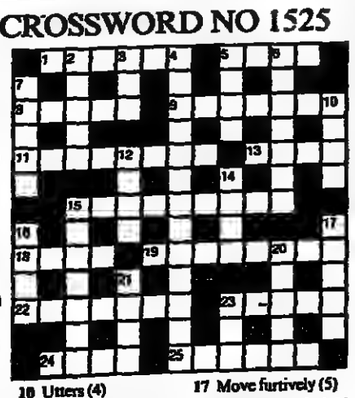

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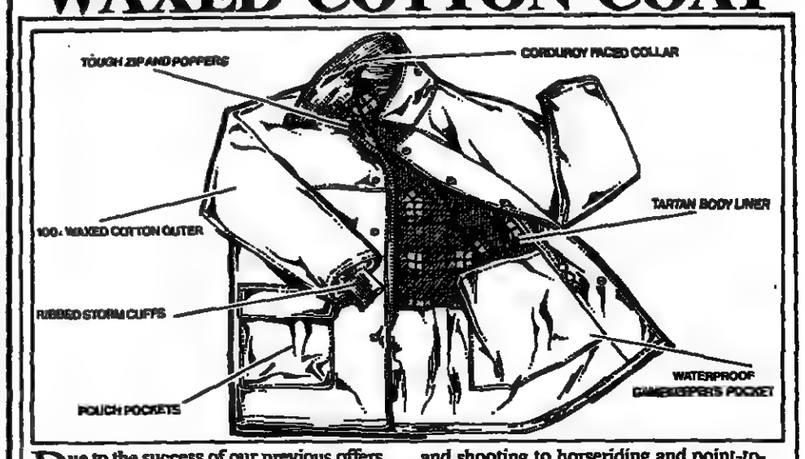

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CLEMENT FREUD

The correct term to use for those who love and are knowledgeable on the subject of Beaujolais is *amateurs du vin*. This is their time of year; the '87 vintage is in bottle, ready to be tasted, and the gimmicky nouveau, dreamt up by PR men, has passed its sell-by date and ceased to be an issue.

Berkmann's tasting took place last Thursday at the Londonderry Hotel – outside which the Kennedy Brookes flag fluttered even though Trusthouse Forte is poised to move in after its successful takeover.

Inside, the ritual fandango is practised by the combatants: pour a glug into your glass and swivel it round to examine the colour; hold it to the *light* to gauge the tannin; smell it to assess the amount of oak, the presence of raspberry, the hint of vanilla . . . and chat – to anyone who will listen – about depth, colour and bouquet. Then do you take a substantial mouthful, drawing the wine into the deepest recesses, and, when people least expect it, aim this in an elegant arc at the sawdust-lined receptacles that an anxious management provides.

To be a successful wine taster you either have to buy a lot, or require a good eye, sound aim and be quick on your feet lest others less expert than you miss their target. I found a Morgon '87 by Jean Descombes outstandingly excellent and liked Moulin à Vent Domaine des Rosiers. The latter will need another couple of years in bottle by which time today's £5 a bottle, ex-VAT, may seem reasonable. Wines and property in the south-east of England appear to have similar inflation curves.

I have never had much respect for people who say "I have lost a lot of hair" when they actually know where each strand has gone. Thanks to the relentless advance of technology, the end of their predicament is in sight. "A small step for cranial moonscapes," said the *Times* headline over a report that the Government's Committee on the Safety of Medicines has approved a drug which has been shown to restore hair in a significant number of cases.

I am pleased not only because baldness will become an option rather than an unavoidable predicament, but because in the basement of my house there reside a firm of baldness consultants who receive so many letters asking for further particulars in respect of their advertisements that it is taking me up to 20 minutes a morning to find my mail from the sacksful that arrive.

If indeed Messrs Upjohn UK Ltd have stumbled upon the magic formula, my fellow occupants will not be the only ones to go to the wall. Around the corner in Wigmore Street there is a company which advertises "two hours to eliminate signs of baldness"; at the bottom of Wimpole Street are surgeries for hair transplants, a Harley Street basement churns out wigs, and all the way up Regent Street are emporia that sell hats – surely the most efficient antedote to overt baldness.

Miss Sue Arnold, columnist, with whom I was discussing readers' mail, of which she gets much and I hardly any, said that any article mentioning weight-loss, elimination of wrinkles or stimulation of hair growth out-performs pleas for correspondents placed in Lonely Hearts columns.

The new cure is called Regaine (an anagram of Regina E?); write to them rather than to me, and sell any milliners' shares that you may have.

BARRY FANTONI

'I see the church is insisting on the four Rs'

My daughter is a TV interviewer, operates from a bed – plying her trade at what is considered an unsociable time of day. I was afraid, when she first gave me news of "having landed the job", that the selectors might have been influenced in her direction by the family's connection with the soft furnishings industry in general, couches in particular. She said not; it had been her personality.

Last Tuesday she flew to Paris to appear in a sister progamme on French TV, where *Pillow Talk* has a pre-midnight slot. No money, they said, but first-class tickets, lunch at a slap-up restaurant weighed down by Michelin cutlery. She accepted, partly because she had never flown first-class, also because "they" said that previous guests on the programme had been Fairbanks, Redgrave, Barrymore, people like that, none of whom had asked for a fee.

At Heathrow they gave her an economy seat in a plane and when she remonstrated they upgraded her – which isn't the same; it's like being commissioned from the ranks. At Charles de Gaulle the PR man met her and said "Come with me to the airline desk. Put this airline bag over your shoulder and smile at the photographer." "No thanks," said my daughter, and they said "But that's how we got your flight, we shall be in trouble."

Then off to a shop which was to provide clothes for a publicity shot and when, at a time that most people have lunch, she had been made-up and dressed they put her into a room in front of a large picture of her great grandfather and said "Lie on that bed and smile at the photographer." "No thanks," said my daughter, "but I am hungry."

Alas, there was no time for food and drink and they were mega-peeved because of having spent all that money on the picture.

At length, unfed and unwatered, she did her programme and asked whether she could fly home now. They laid on a car to the airport and after waiting for an hour or two because flights were full, she got back to London, economy, at around 8.30 pm. It seems there is no such thing as a free non-lunch either.

Keith Smith finds little of relevance to Britain's real problems

Labour's economic blinker

The decision of Tony Benn and Eric Heffer to stand in the leadership elections in October highlights Labour's political dilemma. The present leaders know the party cannot become electable unless it convinces voters that the success of Conservative economic policy is transient, that Labour has identified Britain's major economic problems and has workable answers to them. But although Labour's current thinking shows a degree of flexibility and imagination lacking for many years, its policy review now under way is fraught with internal divisions.

Spokesmen have identified key economic weaknesses: the balance of payments is deteriorating, the fall in unemployment is slow and mainly cosmetic, savings and investment rates are low and falling, civil industrial R & D is stagnating, and so on.

The conclusion is that present economic growth is unsustainable: rising demand and output are based on a rapid fall in savings and a huge rise in consumer credit, which have obvious limits. The resulting consumer boom is sucking in imports at an unprecedented rate.

In prospect is the projected fall in oil output, exports and tax revenue. So the next election will be fought in a very different economic context.

That context may be favourable to Labour but it won't by itself win the election. So Labour now has seven "policy review groups" functioning, linked to the wider "Labour Listens" campaign in which views of members and sympathizers are being canvassed. On economic issues Bryan Gould, industry spokesman, is in the middle of a series of six policy speeches describing the "Gould Plan".

The policy thus far has three main elements; first, a call for industry-Government collaboration (including "bringing the Trade Union movement back into the machinery for decision-making on economic policy"), and a rejection of "excessive attention to the views of the financial establishment". This will involve subsidized lending to industry for training and investment, and controls to restrict capital exports.

Secondly, there is a call for a trade policy based on "co-operative management of trade" and a rejection of current EEC moves towards extending the internal market. Finally, "social ownership" will be extended, combining a rejection of nationalization with measures to extend local authority economic activity, workers' co-operatives and public equity holdings, and proposing the "socialisation of the limited liability company."

The Shadow Treasury team is involved in the Economic Equality review group, which is concentrating on tax and social security issues. The aim is to link a major attack on poverty with a tax reform which will free Labour from the charge of being the party of high taxation. The former objective is likely to be based on minimum wage legislation, a reform of the benefits system to eliminate the poverty trap, and special employment and training programmes. The tax system will become more progressive but with lower – possibly much lower – initial tax rates, and top rates no higher than the pre-Budget level.

Welcome though the rethinking is, the economic policy review has major weaknesses. In the first place, there is little connection between the review issues and Labour's economic prognosis for Britain. The policy review process is not being driven by a search for solutions to the problems of manufacturing reconstruction and balance of payments crisis which are at the core of Labour's economic analysis.

The Shadow Treasury team's concentration on essentially redistributive issues means that virtually no work is being done on macroeconomic policy, although that may well be of critical importance in itself and in relation to the industrial programme. In the industrial area there is virtually nothing specific on the process of industrial reconstruction and the restoration of technological competitiveness; indeed Mr Gould's call for "managed trade" looks dangerously like a ploy to avoid that issue. It is hard to see how the extension of social ownership is relevant to the primary issues of investment and industrial change.

On the critical areas of publicly-funded science and R&D policy – currently an area of active and far-reaching policy changes – Labour appears to be saying little and doing nothing. There is little co-ordination between the policy review areas.

These weaknesses in focus are linked to weaknesses in research input. Labour has nothing like the degree of policy research back-up enjoyed by the Tories, and is doing little to overcome that handicap. For the most part the policy review groups are small coteries: they have extraordinarily little contact with the wide range of specialist expertise which remains sympathetic to Labour, and are making no serious effort to extend that contact. Why is this, and why are the terms of the policy review so ill-adapted to the policy problems which Labour spokesmen probably rightly identify?

It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the policy review is being fundamentally shaped by the political division within the party, by the need for the leadership to change course without too great a challenge to members' ideological predilections.

Labour may be listening but at a time when it needs a policy *perestroika* it is listening primarily to its own activists and not to specialists, however sympathetic, in social and economic policy. So the review process will keep the party happy and may even reshape the terms of political debate by the next election. But whether it will convey to the electorate that Labour has a grip on the real problems, and that its policies have the convincing attention to detail of a genuinely alternative government, remains a wide open question.

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Bernard Levin

This poisoned-ivy league

My account, a few weeks ago, of the breaking-up of a meeting at Wolverhampton Polytechnic has brought me a disturbing number of similar stories from a disturbingly wide variety of places of higher education. But before I continue the tale, a brief reminder of what I described may be useful.

The Conservative students' association at Wolverhampton had invited a diplomat from the South African embassy to address them and to answer their questions. He was prevented by force from speaking; a mob of student fascistlings broke up the meeting, shouting and spitting at him, and he had to be hustled out of the building, lest he and those who invited him might be injured. The fascistlings chalked up a victory over their terror of hearing views they did not hold, and Wolverhampton Poly returned to normal.

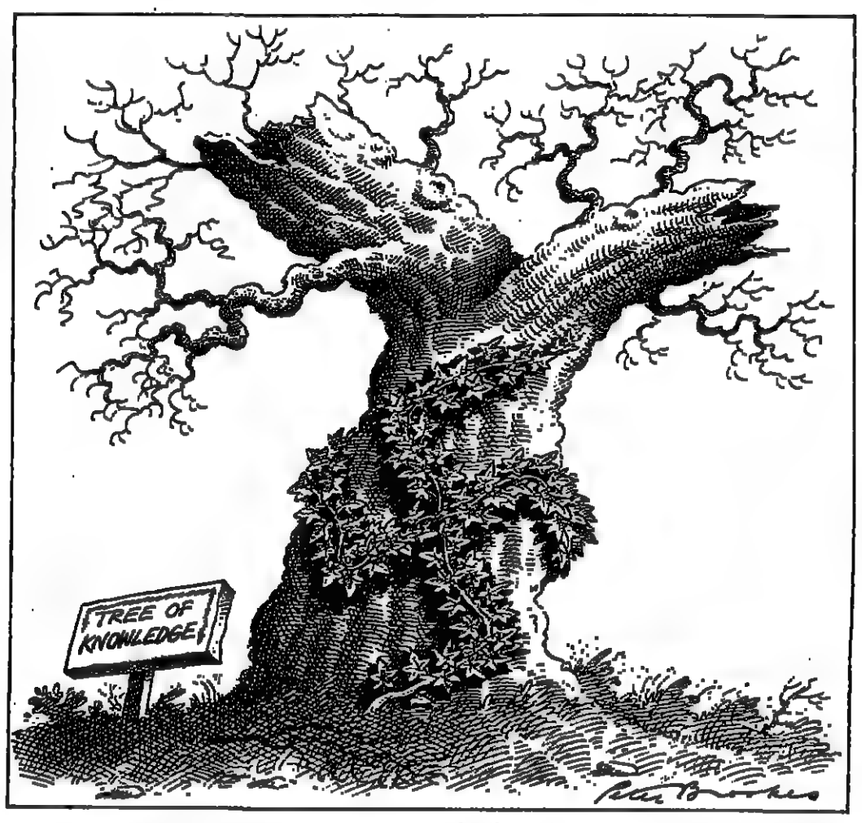
Normal, however, seems to mean something rather special there. A letter from the Director, published in *The Times*, largely agreed with my account of the proceedings and with my comments, but he insisted that the fascistlings are only a small minority at the Poly, most of the students being "responsible, law-abiding citizens". I have no reason to doubt it; unfortunately, it is the small minority which decides who may, and who may not, exercise free speech within the law on the campus of Wolverhampton Poly, and there was nothing in the Director's letter to suggest that he has any plans for bringing that state of affairs to a close.

Now, however, for further examples of fascistling activities. I never supposed that it was only Wolverhampton that is subject to this plague; indeed, I knew very well it was not. But I did not know how far the plague had spread, nor to what alarming extent it seems that the new legislation for protecting freedom of speech at universities is already being nullified; it is hardly too much to say that freedom of violence is better off than freedom of speech.

First, let me describe a meeting at Hull University which passed off without anybody breaking it up; the speaker was Mr Sanwar Ali, who is the chairman of the Young Monday Club, and who, despite his name and colour, has views on matters such as immigration that do not commend themselves to those who refuse a hearing, if necessary by force, to opinions with which they do not agree. As I say, Mr Ali made his speech, though he had to be hustled rapidly into and out of the building, in case the distaste for free speech on the part of the demonstrators outside should boil over into violence. But if you wonder why, if the meeting went ahead, I am discussing it at all, hear Mr Ali's account of what happened:

> . . . at the railway station at Hull, I was met by four high-ranking police officers and was promptly shown to a waiting car with a police driver. I could not fail to notice two large mini-buses full of policemen; these were in front of us as we drove off to Hull University . . . The police were already on campus in force, and I was not allowed out of the car until the two mini-buses of police officers had got out to reinforce those already there . . . Inside the building, it was also full of policemen, which was very reassuring as there were demonstrators . . . trying to break into the room and . . . shouting obscenities . . . I also found out later that the police searched all those attending the meeting for concealed weapons.

Well, now; are we in South Korea, or Panama? If neither, wherefore these busloads of constabulary, whence the decision to have a visiting speaker rushed to and from a lawful meeting in a car otherwise full of high-ranking police, why the need for more rozzers at the venue and still more inside the hall, how come the search of all those attending the meeting for concealed weapons? Does one not get a distinct feeling that free speech at Hull, although it is kept in the letter much of the time, is hardly kept in the spirit at any time?



Yes, one does. And one gets the feeling even more strongly when one moves the scene to the University of Kent at Canterbury, where the student Conservative association recently invited Viscount Massereene and Ferrard, chairman of the Monday Club, to address them.

The fascistlings announced that they would "physically restrain" him from speaking. They blocked the entrance to the hall and refused to move when requested by the university authorities; they also refused when the police made the same request, whereupon the police cleared the way. The police, incidentally, were not called only when the obstruction became apparent; they were on the campus in strength in advance.

I ask again, shifting the geography: is this Paraguay, or Haiti? Where is the commitment to free speech on the part of the university authorities, let alone their commitment to the law which lays upon them an obligation to uphold it? Where is the belief, which was once shared without question right through any institution of higher learning, that anything which may lawfully be said may actually be said? How lazy, indifferent, cowardly or even tainted by the fascistlings' notions must be the authorities who have allowed matters to go so far that large squads of police must be summoned to a university – a *university* – to ensure that people wishing to hear a visiting speaker are not physically prevented from doing so, to allow the speaker to make his speech without being rendered inaudible by the chanting of obscenities, and to guarantee his bodily safety and that of those who have come to listen to him?

Curiously enough, those questions are not wholly rhetorical; they have answers. But the answers are, in a sense, more chilling and more lamentable than the questions. For it seems that it is not only the fascistlings who are ignoring or circumventing the new law; it is also, in some places, the university authorities. The trick is done, within the law, by demanding of student bodies who have invited "controversial" speakers that they should pay for the security that is needed for the meeting to go ahead in safety if not in peace and quiet.

It is a long time since I was a student, but some things don't change, and one of these is that college societies rarely have enough funds to buy their guest speaker a bun and a cup of tea, let alone to pay hundreds of pounds (for that is what security today costs) to establish the right to free speech.

Cardiff seems to have pioneered this technique, which will not surprise those who remember that it was Cardiff which drew up a free speech charter and included in it an entrenched right for the demonstrators to shout the speaker down; "chanting", they called it. It is Liverpool, however, that has taken furthest the evasion of the law. In a comprehensive document on the subject, ringingly entitled *Code of Practice on Freedom of Speech*, we find, among other requirements which the university may demand from a student body planning a meeting, is that "any charges levied by the local police be met by the organising body" and "payment in advance be required to cover hire charges and other reasonable contingencies". Neat, eh? No one is refused permission to hold a meeting which requires a police presence and other expensive security measures, but the university retains the power to make the meeting impossible by demanding money the organisers have not got.

I do not know when or how, let alone why, a minority of students ceased to believe in free speech, and to demand the right to abolish it for opinions with which they disagreed. Nor do I know when, how or why that minority were given the right to do so by the university authorities. But I am quite sure that a university which connives with such a minority by retaining a financial sanction over free speech is hardly fit to call itself by that most honourable name.

Commentary • ROBIN OAKLEY

Fodder above itself

The fuss over David Alton's abortion limitation Bill is bolstering a myth about private members' legislation. Most of the key social legislation of the Sixties – abolition of capital punishment (Sydney Silverman), the legalizing of homosexuality (Leo Abse) and easier abortion (David Steel) – was the result of private members' Bills, we are reminded.

True – but only because the government of the day provided the time. The Silverman Bill, for example, had nine Wednesday morning sittings in a committee of the whole House. The Abortion Bill needed two all-night sittings in government time to get through its Report stage.

The truth is that the odds are heavily against the Alton Bill and any others like it. In a timely new book, *Private Members Bills* (Cambridge University Press, £22.50), David Marsh and Melvyn Read note that since the war only 10 private members' Bills which have had votes on the second or third reading have become law. Of these, only three did so without receiving government time, the last in the 1958/59 session.

Marsh and Read put it bluntly: "Private members' Bills fail if they are opposed in Parliament, if they are in any way contentious. In fact almost any degree of opposition will prevent a Bill becoming law".

The idea that backbench MPs make any significant input into the legislative programme in their own right is a fiction. Governments reckon they should have first say in the priorities for legislation, and impose their will ruthlessly. This government did not like the late Robert Taylor's Affiliation Orders Bill. It won a second reading but Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, told him that if he persevered then it would be defeated in the Lords, either by filibuster or by the whips. The carrot was a Law Commission review. Taylor withdrew.

Ministers didn't like Trevor Skeet's Youth and Community Bill in the same session. Frustrated when they sought to delete its major clauses in committee, they tabled 77 amendments at Report stage and talked it out.

MPs seeking a memorial to their Westminster years in the shape of their own Bill on the Statute Book know it is best to stick to the unambitious or the technical. Most go cap in hand to the Government asking if it has any unconsidered trifles.

MPs cannot introduce Bills whose main purpose is a charge on the Exchequer. By custom, they avoid areas where the Government is busy itself. Contentious Bills will rarely succeed without Government time, which is now rarely offered. So the choice for an MP with a place in the ballot is to risk a bold measure which will win publicity and most probably fail or to pilot through something the Government wants.

Although the number of Bills has increased from 50 per session in the 1950s to 88, the success rate has declined from 46 per cent to less than 30 per cent. Ten Fridays per session limits the number of balloted Bills with a chance and much of the increase has been in no-hope Ten Minute Rule Bills, which offer no more than the time to make a propaganda point. Of 396 introduced in the 1970s only four became law.

Piloting Bills which are bound to fail is still good practice for would-be ministers and can arouse public opinion sufficiently to press governments to future action. But most MPs take the other course. More than a third of the so-called private members' bills originate in government departments and another third in official reports.

The sheer busybodyness of governments these days is another factor. Government has encroached ever more into such fields as administrative law where private MPs traditionally grazed, leaving them with little more than the non-party political hot potatoes, issues like abortion, pornography, smoking and seat belts which governments duck. But on those the restrictions on private Bill procedure ensure that there is endless debate and little resolution.

It is a recipe for parliamentary impotence and it is a wonder that backbenchers have not risen in revolt.

What form could reform take? Marsh and Read suggest the establishment of a steering committee for private members' legislation controlling part of the parliamentary timetable, the submission to the ballot not only of MPs' names but also of their planned Bills and a ban on more than one Bill on a particular issue in each parliament.

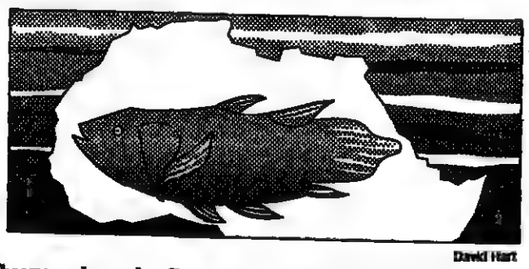
That might help. Or are today's backbenchers concerned only with mounting on their study walls "The Home Office Couldn't Find Time For It But This Sucker Did" Bill?

SCIENCE REPORT

Rockfish relics

Discoveries from Cretaceous sediments in West Africa 120 million years old have thrown new light on the evolutionary history of the modern coelacanth, *Latimeria chalumnae*.

This enigmatic fish was thought to have been extinct for 50 million years until one was caught in deep waters off South Africa in 1938. Several have since been caught by fishermen off the Comoro Islands, near Madagascar.



David Hart

The new finds, in Niger, are of fossils discovered by an expedition jointly mounted by the Natural History Museum and Kingston Polytechnic which also discovered spectacular dinosaur fossils.

Peter Forey, a coelacanth specialist at the Natural History Museum, who is examining the Niger finds, says the fish-bearing rock contains rich fossilized remains of coelacanths that will enormously augment the fossil record – until now consisting only of five scraps of bone from widely scattered areas of Africa. By default, these fossils have all been grouped together into a single genus. Now, it is hoped, it will be possible to form a more accurate picture of the Cretaceous coelacanth's diversity.

It is also hoped that the richness of the Niger finds will clarify the issue whether coelacanths or lungfish are more closely related to amphibians, reptiles and mammals.

Modern adult coelacanths are usually 3ft long, with heavy scales and a fin structure more closely resembling the limbs of four-legged land vertebrates than the spiny rays of most bony fish. Lungfish are a related but quite separate group of fleshy-finned fish, many species of which are still extant.

Although most zoologists consider that lungfish, not coelacanths, are the closest living relatives of land animals, the relationships between extinct groups has been a matter of fierce debate.

Certainly, the physiology of the modern coelacanth is unlike that of a land animal. Its swim bladder, far from providing an accessory lung, is packed with fatty tissue rather than air spaces. And, like sharks and rays, the blood of coelacanths has a high concentration of the nitrogenous waste product urea, which helps to prevent the influx of water through the skin of fish spending much of their time at great depth. The ancestors of modern coelacanths seem to have been committed to a marine environment for millions of years.

The fossil record, as now amplified by the Niger discoveries, shows that the modern coelacanth represents the exception, not the general habit, of Cretaceous coelacanths. Coelacanths were then much more diverse, with freshwater as well as marine species. *Latimeria* seems to be the sole survivor of an ancient lineage.

Although fragmented, the new fossils are well preserved and show a wealth of surface detail. Skull bones indicate that some of the fish were about 5ft long. Part of one skull is similar to that described from north-east Brazil two years ago.

It will not be surprising if the Niger specimen proves to be of the same species, for the South Atlantic had just opened in the early Cretaceous, *at the beginning* of the period in which Africa and America drifted apart.

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FROM PRAGUE TO YEREVAN

The deployment of Soviet troops on the streets of Yerevan and the detention of nationalist leaders has brought the unrest in the Caucasian republics to a new and exceptionally dangerous stage. Intended to prevent a mass demonstration planned for Saturday, the Kremlin's show of strength will have served only to deepen Armenian resentment. In defiant private telephone calls some Armenians told foreign journalists they were being treated like delinquents or colonials; not as citizens. These will be common sentiments.

In any constituent Soviet republic, so clumsy a show of force from Moscow would have been a false move, presupposing as it did the inevitability of violence. With Armenians, who regard themselves as more conscientious, more cosmopolitan and generally more civilized than Russians, it was particularly ill-advised. In the past few months, Armenians have demonstrated peacefully in their own capital. Yesterday and Saturday, in a show of civil disobedience rare in the Soviet Union, that dignity has been preserved. Everyone stayed at home. This passive protest was met with a show of force. If younger and more radical Armenians now resort to violence, that would be regrettable though not incomprehensible.

Initially the Kremlin tolerated the demonstrations and petitions over the Armenian enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh in an evident attempt to keep up the appearance of *glasnost*. Once the wider implications of the dispute became clear — with the demand for changes in the republic borders and the anti-Armenian violence in Azerbaijan — the tolerance ebbed away. Last week, Moscow not only rejected the Armenian case outright, but also condemned those who lobbied the centre in their own sectional interests and authorized the republican governments to quell unrest, by force if necessary.

By then, however, Armenian hopes had been raised. The establishment of a commission of inquiry and the promise of a verdict suggested the status of Nagorno-Karabakh as a part of Azerbaijan was not set in stone.Armenian disappointment when the Supreme Soviet ruled last week, in advance of the official deadline, that change was out of the question, would have been all the greater.

Still more disturbing to Armenians than the verdict itself, however, must have been the terms in which it was couched. The Supreme Soviet resolution spoke of the responsibility of the republican administrations to "bring to strict account those who by their actions destabilize the situation and encroach on the friendship and co-operation of fraternal Soviet peoples". If they failed, it made clear that the responsibility for order, and the protection of the public, passed to the USSR Ministry of Internal Affairs.

This effectively revives the principles of the "Brezhnev doctrine" as it was applied to the nations of Eastern Europe since the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968, and applies them to the practice of the Kremlin's nationalities' policy. A threat to the security of one nationality — or at least what Moscow interprets as a threat — is now to be regarded as a threat to the unity and security of all. Thus will an armed intervention from Moscow be "justified" anywhere in the Soviet Union: by the Gorbachov doctrine on nationalities' policy.

Excuses will be made: that it is Mr Gorbachov's misfortune to face these difficulties just as he is trying to dismantle the damaging legacy of the Brezhnev doctrine in Eastern Europe; that he has been outvoted by the "ideological hardliners" in his leadership over nationalities' policy, and that he is not to blame for the curtailing of *glasnost* in Armenia. But the discontent in Eastern Europe which culminated successively in East Germany 1953, Hungary 1956 and Czechoslovakia 1968 has its roots in the presumption of Moscow in trying to rule countries of which it is not worthy. The distinction between Prague and Yerevan may be the distinction between a nominally sovereign country and a constituent republic of the Soviet Union; but the troops and the guns are the same.

WHEN THE CHIPS ARE UP

A furious row between the United States and Japan over prices of semiconductors threatened, just a year ago, to spark the first serious trade war since 1945. President Reagan, beset by protectionist pressures at home, imposed discriminatory 100 per cent tariffs on a range of Japanese goods in retaliation for breaches by Japanese companies of the bilateral Semiconductor Pact, which had been agreed against US threats in 1986. In the event, the Japanese government decided it had more to lose by retaliating, bit its collective lip and bullied its producers to toe the line and trim output.

Last week, the affair took a new turn in Geneva. A disputes panel of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade ruled that the pact illegally broke Gatt rules by establishing a cartel to maintain high micro-chip prices in the rest of the world. That is not likely to end the matter. Yet more rows can be expected.

The affair is replete with painful lessons on the dangers of interfering with free trade and seeking advantage through bilateral deals. Raising prices was, after all, the object of the pact at a time when a glut of micro-chips — the building blocks of the electronic age — obliged producers to sell unprofitably. That is how cycles in industrial output and demand favour the most efficient producers.

Japan's illegal efforts to meet its side of the pact have exaggerated the cycle — a familar result of trade rows over anything from steel to packaging materials. Prices of standard memory chips have more than doubled in a year as the electronics trade picked up, forcing a £50 rise in the price of some popular home computers in Britain. Shortages have developed, even in the United States. In some cases, supplies have had to be rationed, chiefly benefitting Japanese electronics companies, which naturally supply their own factories first. In an industry where products quickly become obsolete, there is no incentive for Japanese manufacturers to increase capacity and risk further wrath from the United States or anti-dumping actions in Europe. The European Commission had made the initial Gatt complaint against the pact, arguing that, since Japan and the US account for four fifths of world output, their price-fixing cartel damaged electronics manufacturers in Europe and elsewhere which had to import the chips as components. It is part of a general complaint that, to ease political pressure, Japan is giving trade preference to the United States at the expense of Europe. That argument is important, though hardly helped in the present case by the continued pursuit of European anti-dumping moves against some Japanese semiconductors.

The European Commission has drawn the lesson that it needs to shout louder, so that it can make equally favourable trade deals. But bilateral pacts merely distort trade fu ther. The propaganda rows that accompany them poison the atmosphere for open trade and heighten calls for protection.

Open trade can only be safeguarded through multilateral agreements that do not discriminate between one country and another — the cornerstone of Gatt. The four-year Gatt talks to liberalize trade under the Uruguay round, now nearly half way through, have produced one particularly hopeful sign. The three industrial trade blocks have agreed that Gatt machinery to resolve disputes and monitor members' trade practices needs strengthening. But in too many areas, notably agriculture, the talks have ground on indecisively because leading nations think they can do a better deal for themselves by bilateral haggling.

It is about time the European Community, in particular, changed this discredited tune. For its members can see the results nearer at home. If trade within the Community is to be free after 1992, members will have to abandon their own special deals, for instance over Japanese car imports or textiles from the third world. Ending the damaging distortions these have brought may prove a painful process.

IN THE SHADOW OF THE ROCK

If Mr Joe Bassano, Gibraltar's new Chief Minister means what he says, the Rock is about to cast a lengthening shadow on Anglo-Spanish relations. Whether that is in the interests of its 30,000 inhabitants, however, is something to which he should give very serious thought. So too should they.

Mr Bassano's victory in last week's general election, with 58 per cent of the electorate supporting his Socialist Labour Party in a 76 per cent poll, can hardly be dismissed as a political accident. After 40 years or so of continuity, mostly under the skilled guidance of Sir Joshua Hassan, the 17,000-strong electorate has voted for change. The most popular interpretation is that he reflected the burgeoning nationalism of Gibraltarians, whose fear of being sold-out by Whitehall was sharpened by last December's deal which granted joint use of the airport facilities to Spain — in return for Madrid's acquiescence to the deregulation of airlines in Europe, more freedom for cross-border traffic and the resumption of the ferry to Algeciras.

The package was given the blessing of Sir Joshua, who himself had sat in on the talks. But there is little doubt that it was seen by many inhabitants on the Rock as the thin end of a wedge which would ultimately lead to Spanish sovereignty. By restating his opposition to the deal and refusing to take part in all further Anglo-Spanish talks based on the 1984 Brussels Agreement, Mr Bassano has exploited such fears.

If people did not actively support what he said, at least they did not actively oppose it to the extent of rejecting him outright at the polls. But Gibraltarians are opposed to almost any kind of concession to Madrid — which is unreasonable. Admittedly Spanish sights remain fixed on the ultimate objective of regaining sovereignty over the Rock. But the colony's 1969 constitution reaffirms that no change in sovereignty will take place without the consent of the majority of its people — and Britain has painstakingly promised to abide by this. Whether it is wise for Britain to set its face so firmly against change is very questionable. There are good grounds for advancing towards what is known as the Andorra solution, which would involve flying both the British and Spanish flags above the Rock while retaining the British way of life and administration.

But to argue against compromise on such issues as airport rights is certainly counter-productive. Gibraltar at present depends upon Britain for development aid. If Mr Bassano wants to build up the Rock's economy he will have to rely on British help and/or the co-operation of Spain.

There is a siege mentality about Gibraltarians which historically may not be all that surprising. But places under siege tend at best to survive — rather than prosper. His early comment since the election indicates that Mr Bassano is not as opposed to compromise as his rhetoric has suggested. His chief objection seems to be to deals which are negotiated with Gibraltar's acquiescence rather than its active participation. He wants to do things on his own, not simply as an appendage of Whitehall. Britain and Spain have clearly to find a way of working with Mr Bassano, but he should realise too that he will have to learn to live with London and Madrid as well. There are political and economic realities that he will have to recognise and the sooner he does so the better for everyone concerned.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

S African view of a killing

From the Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of South Africa

Sir, With reference to your editorial, "The case against execution" (March 16), I should like to draw the attention of your readers to aspects of the case involving the murder of Mr Diamini in September, 1984, which might have been more clearly brought out.

Because detailed information on the case was not immediately available to commentators in Britain, the impression was initially created that the six persons convicted of the crime were innocent bystanders, implicated by an obscure legal principle.

All six convicted of the Diamini murder, according to evidence, committed acts which contributed to the fate of Mr Diamini; two threw stones, two were involved in petrol attacks on the Diamini residence, one silenced a person in the crowd who tried to speak out against the murder, and one seized the victim and disarmed him. Both the trial and appeal courts were satisfied that the mob had intended to kill Mr Diamini.

As far as the doctrine of common purpose or unlawful joint enterprise in homicide is concerned, there are a number of cases in recent English law (*Chan Wing-Siu* vs *Regina* (1984) and *Regina* vs *Ward* (1987), amongst others) where the higher courts in this country confirmed the principle that participants in joint enterprises are liable for even unusual consequences of acts committed in the enterprise, provided that they could have been foreseen.

South African and English law do not differ appreciably on this point. Common purpose is, accordingly, not a legal doctrine of the South African judiciary's creation, nor has this doctrine been unacceptably extended in the light of evidence led in court. This hardly deserves the description of "legal chicanery" in your editorial.

Should the judgment have been "tailored" to suit the South African Government, why were two of the original eight accused acquitted on the charge of murder and why would an appeal court judge subsequently have agreed without hestitation to the submission of hitherto unheard evidence? The fresh evidence was submitted on behalf of a State witness, whose evidence in the trial court was held to be privileged; he had accordingly not been cross-examined in open court.

I do not wish to draw direct parallels, but events in Belfast this past weekend may have given many Britons a better appreciation of the problems involved in applying the process of justice to mob crimes.

Yours sincerely,
JUSTUS de GOEDE,
South African Embassy,
Trafalgar Square, WC2.
March 25.

Ford impasse

From Mr Martin Loewe

Sir, It was depressing to read and hear about the sacrifice of £40 million of investment and 1,000 jobs in Dundee by Mr Ron Todd, General Secretary of the TGWU (report, March 22).

It was surprising to learn that Mr Todd still favours uniform national wage rates in spite of the enormous variance in the costs of living, especially housing, between, for example, Dundee and Dagenham. It was, however, instructional to hear his explanation that the interests of his (union's) members come before those of another union's members, and those of anyone else.

Here, it seems to me, is the clearest statement for years that trade unionism as practised in this country is a cartel of employed labour that acts directly against the short, medium and long-term interests of all unemployed people.

Much has been made of the apparent willingness of many people to give their 2 per cent tax cut to the NHS. I wonder how many members of the TGWU would have sacrificed some slight self-interest, real or imagined, to help create 1,000 Scottish jobs in an area which desperately needs them.

I shall never know. Unlike the British taxpayer, they were given no choice.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN LOEWE,
16 Belle Vue Road,
Colchester, Essex.
March 22.

Post-16 education

From Mrs Patricia Rowan

Sir, Stuart Sexton's letter (March 24) in response to the Education Reform Group pamphlet by myself and Martin Lightfoot (who is not an ILEA official) is misleading in its defence of London's sixth forms.

It is not in the educational or financial interests of schools or children to neglect a state of affairs in which most sixth forms are small and getting smaller, the proportion of students choosing to stay on in the sixth form is declining, and A levels and life chances are suffering accordingly.

A non-viable sixth form cannot offer a proper choice of A levels, let alone vocational alternatives. Where the sixth-form consortium compromise exists, the students have to travel to put their A-level selection together, and often still fail to find their preferred choice. Many give up; some seek a better option at a tertiary college elsewhere.

It was for the same educational considerations that the Roman Catholic diocese (quite independently of ILEA) decided that it was in the best interests of *all* children in their care to replace sixth forms with a sixth-form college.

There is no reason why "excellent schools like the London Oratory and Cardinal Vaughan" should wither away without their sixth forms. Equally good 11 — 16 schools have flourished for years alongside tertiary systems in Somerset, Devon, and other parts of the country.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA ROWAN,
28 Elm Park Gardens, SW10.
March 24.

Culprits who litter up the country

From the Earl of Bradford

Sir, I am delighted to read ("Thatcher's tidy vision", report and photograph, March 23) that at long last the Government seems to be taking the problem of litter seriously, even if the "litter" was especially arranged for the occasion. It is desperately sad to see the state of our towns, countryside, and particularly our roads and motorways, with the enormous amount of non-bio-degradable litter disfiguring the whole of our lovely land. Why do we feel this need to ruin Britain, something that seems to set us apart from almost any other country in the world?

Since the start of this year I have gone out during the weekends with my two elder sons, aged seven and five, and a rubbish bag to clear some of the litter clogging the hedgerows around Weston Park. So far we have covered about a mile, including one lay-by, and filled eight dustbin-sized bags.

The final straw was when we found in the entrance to Weston Park, which we had cleared the previous weekend, along with the inevitable crisp packets, a newly-discarded disposable nappy. Someone seems to be taking the word disposable a little too literally!

Some three months ago an Austin Maxi was abandoned in the lane alongside the park wall, under one of our most magnificent oaks, and set alight, leaving behind an appalling mess and probably killing the tree.

Manufacturers of cans, packets, etc should be forced to print a notice on the outside of any containers that are non-bio-degradable: "Either take this container home or put it in a litter basket". A stiffer system of fines should be brought in and properly enforced; and we must get the children on our side, with greater emphasis and involvement through teachers and schools, to shame their parents into behaving better.

A charity needs to be set up, preferably funded by fast-food companies, drink manufacturers, snack-food producers, cigarette firms etc, to impress on the British public that they are responsible for how this country looks. The Government should publish a leaflet highlighting that responsibility.

Other charities could hold sponsored litter-picks, at so much per filled bag of litter, achieving two fine results rather than one.

Local councils could publicise their free dumps rather more, as few people seem to realise that they can take litter, both small and large, to a council dump in their area. Our council here recently organised a special service to pick up all the large litter that the dustmen normally will not remove — an excellent idea; but sadly, they have chosen to put a sign in lay-bys round south Staffordshire which reads, "Please take your litter home", and at the same time to remove all the litter bins. These lay-bys have been turned into litter tips.

Finally, could not the Manpower Services Commission devise a countrywide litter-clearance scheme to provide temporary employment for the long-term unemployed? And, in view of our overcrowded gaols, could not prisoners be made to atone for their crimes by clearing litter and removing graffiti rather than learning bad habits and how not to be caught on the next occasion?

Yours sincerely,
BRADFORD,
Weston Park,
Shifnal, Shropshire.

From Miss Elizabeth Marden

Sir, While she is drawing public attention to the litter in parks, where there are, at least, employees paid to clear up the mess created by our slovenly habits, I hope that Mrs Thatcher will not overlook the far greater mess strewn along the margins of our national motorways, where there appears to be no one employed to clear it. No ordinary member of the public nor voluntary task force can take action themselves in these areas, for safety reasons.

However insensitive many of us have become to the sight ourselves, anyone with a modicum of national pride must feel ashamed of the first impression given to foreign visitors, driving to London along the M2 as if through a vast refuse tip.

Could not the tourist board put pressure on local authorities to clean up the motorways before the tourist season starts?

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH MARDEN,
6 Powis Court,
Powis Square, W11.

Two-way 'glasnost'

From Mr Julian Brazier, MP for Canterbury (Conservative)

Sir, As the MP for the constituency in which the Simon Langton School lies, may I comment that Bernard Levin's acidic remarks (March 14) on their exchange with a Russian school (report, March 7; letters, March 18) detracts sharply from what would otherwise be a good theme.

The Soviet bloc does indeed continue to persecute its citizens within its borders and prevent them from leaving the country. Furthermore, despite some encouraging signs, the war in Afghanistan continues, with the Red Army continuing to massacre civilians, as the five million refugees who have fled to neighbouring countries will testify.

None of this should detract, however, from the fact that Russia contains a large proportion of decent-minded citizens who would like to meet people from other countries and make friends with them. Furthermore, their Government's willingness to encourage this pupil exchange — the first of its kind, I believe — points to a thawing of attitude.

The way to test it is by encouraging and expanding such worthwhile initiatives as that taken by the Simon Langton School; it was a privilege to meet and discover the enthusiasm of the pupils Canterbury sent. At the same time we must continue to call attention to the plight of Vasili Shipilov and other political and religious prisoners in the Soviet Union.

We may yet see the Berlin Wall come down, religious freedom in Russia itself, visas for Jewish emigrants, and the Red Army leave Afghanistan. We will do so if Mr Gorbachov really does wish to see these things happen and has the political will to carry them out.

Grassroots initiatives, like that of the Simon Langton and Vladimir School 23, can help to thaw the climate and make it possible for him. Standing arrogantly aloof and criticising all such exchanges certainly will not help.

The West must be both vigilant and encouraging.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN BRAZIER,
House of Commons.
March 26.

No manner of doubt

From the General Manager, New D'Oyly Carte Opera Company

Sir, How right was Charles Marowitz to say, in his review (March 21) from Los Angeles of Jonathan Miller's production of *The Mikado*, that the Savoy Operas still have a long lease of life.

His reference to "the D'Oyly Carte tradition . . . mouldering in the dust" must surely have been made without his knowledge of the good news you reported in your publication (March 1) concerning the relaunch of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company.

Our vigorous new productions of *Iolanthe* and *The Yeomen of the Guard* will visit 11 British cities before opening in London in late summer.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD CONDON,
General Manager,
New D'Oyly Carte
Opera Company,
20 Stukeley Street, WC2.
March 24.

From Mr Michael Heap

Sir, Your second leader today (March 24) has the caption, "Glasnost with gaps".

This prompts the question, "If there are gaps in the glasnost is there more openness?"

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HEAP,
35 Westbourne Road,
Penarth,
South Glamorgan.
March 24.

Not true casualties

From Mr John Elton

Sir, Dr Roger Saunders's complaint (March 24) about misuse of the emergency services of the NHS would make more sense if general practices were better organised and — dare I say? — properly financed.

It must be the experience of many of your readers (especially those with children) that all too often a telephone call or visit to a local clinic evokes the automatic response: "Go down to casualty!"

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ELTON,
3 Raymer Court, Avenue Road,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
March 24.

Unsuitable treatment

From Dr L. D. R. Smith and Dr Arpan Banerjee

Sir, A 37-stone, 37-year-old man, of no fixed abode, was admitted to this hospital with sores on his legs. Due to infestation, and complying with hospital regulations, his clothes were burned on admission.

His sores are well healed and he is keen to be discharged, but sadly no longer has anything to wear.

We have now waited 19 days for the State provision of suitable clothing for a 72 in waist.

Yours,
L. D. R. SMITH,
ARPAN BANERJEE,
St Thomas' Hospital, SE1.
March 27.

Smoking a cause of child burns

From Dr D. J. Dye

Sir, The report (early editions, March 22) on the New Year's Day fire in Merthyr Tydfil draws welcome attention to the dangers of smoking materials in the hands of children.

In addition to the fire reported there have been at least two other fatal fires involving children playing with smoking materials in South Wales in the past three months; both fires also resulted in serious burns and permanent disfigurement to other children who escaped from the fires.

The staff of burns units such as ours are sickened by such needless suffering. If people must persist in the dangerous habit of smoking they should at least be persuaded to keep their smoking materials out of the reach of children. Perhaps a warning to that effect should be prominently displayed on all cigarette packets and match boxes.

Ideally all smoking materials should be in child-proof containers, but I suppose that would be considered too expensive. The £20,000 it costs to treat each major burn comes, of course, from a different budget!

Yours faithfully,
D. J. DYE
(Consultant anaesthetist),
Welsh Regional Burns Unit,
St Lawrence Hospital,
Chepstow, Gwent.
March 23.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 28 1871

After the debacle of Sedan, in 1870, Napoleon III (1808-1873) followed his wife, Eugenie, and the Prince Imperial into exile at Chislehurst, Kent. Queen Victoria had a warm regard for him and after his death was notably kind to his widow and their son

VISIT of the EMPEROR to HER MAJESTY.

Yesterday afternoon the Emperor Napoleon, accompanied by Prince Murat, and attended by his suite, left Camden-house, Chislehurst, on a visit to Her Majesty the Queen at Windsor Castle. . .

At Windsor an enthusiastic reception awaited the Emperor. Her Majesty's private suite of waiting-rooms had been thrown open for the use of the illustrious visitor, and upon the arrival platform on each side of the entrance crowds of the most influential inhabitants awaited his arrival. Outside, in the Datchet-road, between the railings of the Queen's entrance and the Lodge-gate leading to the Castle slopes, and down the Datchet-road each way, a crowd of several thousand people had assembled. Those who could gain an elevated place upon the rails remained till the Emperor appeared. . .

At the command of Her Majesty the Queen, two close carriages were sent from the Castle Mews to convey His Majesty to the Castle; Viscount Sydney, Lord Chamberlain, awaited, on behalf of the Queen, the coming of the Emperor, while Mrs. Macdonald, mother of Madame de Canrobert, with the two children of Marshal Canrobert, M. Marcel and Mdlle. Clare Canrobert, remained in the waiting-room; the little boy, who was dressed in a Highland costume, holding a bouquet of choice flowers for presentation to the Emperor. The Royal borough of Windsor was represented by Mr. J. Devereux, ex-Mayor, and Mr. Councillor Wildman.

At 2.45 p.m. precisely the train glided into the station. As soon as it stopped His Majesty stepped from the train, and upon his appearance was greeted with loud and continued bursts of cheering. There could be no mistake about it, the sympathies of the spectators were with the Emperor, who, smiling pleasantly, bowed and acknowledged the compliment, mingled as the cheering was with cries of *"Vive l'Empereur."* His Majesty was received by Viscount Sydney, and Mrs. Macdonald (who is a resident of Windsor) advanced with Marshal Canrobert's children on each side of her, Marcel Canrobert presenting the bouquet to the Emperor, who thanked the little fellow for his kindness.

His Majesty was then conducted to the Queen's carriage, and as he issued from the porch of the Royal waiting-room, the immense crowd outside began to cheer loudly. His Majesty, followed by the suite in the second carriage, drove across the Datchet-road and up the Castle slopes to the Palace, where he was met by Her Majesty the Queen.

The Emperor remained at the Castle till 3.35 p.m. — a little over half an hour, and then drove back to the station attended by his suite, and by Viscount Sydney and the Earl of Mountcharles. The terminus and the approaches were thronged nearly as much as upon his arrival; and the cheering was again renewed as the Emperor entered the train.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 26: The Princess Royal and Captain Mark Phillips left Heathrow Airport, London this evening for Australia where Her Royal Highness will open and attend the Bicentennial Royal Easter Show in Sydney for the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales.

Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

Queen Ingrid of Denmark celebrates her birthday today.

Birthdays today

The Right Rev Dr C.K.N. Bardsley, former Bishop of Coventry, 81; Mr Dirk Bogarde, actor, 67; Marjorie Countess of Brecknock, 88; the Hon George Bruce, portrait painter, 58; Professor Sir John Butterfield, former Master, Downing College, Cambridge, 68; Mr R.C. Clarke, group chief executive, United Biscuits (Holdings), 59; Mr Richard Eyre, director-designate, National Theatre, 45; Mr Robert Harris, actor, 88; Mr Peter Holwell, principal, London University, 52; Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, QC, 73; Mr Frank Judd, director, Oxfam, 53; Mr Neil Kinnock, MP, 46; Mr Raymond Lister, artist and author, 69; Mr Martin Neary, organist, 48; Mr Michael Parkinson, broadcaster, 53; Professor Merton Sandler, chemical pathologist, 62; Mr Richard Stilgoe, lyricist, 45.

Dinner

St Nazaire Society
Mr Billie Stephens and Mr Michael Burn, Presidents of the St Nazaire Society, presided at a dinner held at Armoury House on Saturday. Mr Don Randall, Dr Bill Watson and Mr Mike Murden also spoke.

Clifford Longley

Roman Catholic church on trial

The harrowing picture which went round the world last week, of an Irish Roman Catholic priest giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to a dying British soldier, was an image of merciful Christian compassion at its finest.

But the soldier was dying because of the actions of an Irish Catholic mob, whose hatred of the British had been whipped up in the weeks before by other priests of that same church.

The Irish Catholic tragedy has become a succession of extreme contrasting images, suggesting that the root conflict in Ireland is not between Catholic and Protestant, or even either or both and the British, but between divided halves of the Irish Catholic identity.

And that is where the church is on trial itself. If Catholicism is a healthy and wholesome religion, it will ultimately achieve the integration of this divided soul. If it is not, the parts will remain opposed, doing famous good one day, infamous evil the next. And the evil will prevail.

Among sophisticated middle class Belfast Protestants, the major criticism of Irish Catholicism is that it is "more Catholic than the Pope", meaning that it has pushed to the limit those features of its character which make it so potent, and also so unattractive to those opposed to it.

But this is a special sociological use of the word "catholic", as a national or tribal badge: it is not the way the word is used in the Creed; and it is not what theologians say catholic means.

Of true Christian catholicism, the Irish Roman Catholic Church could do with more, rather than less.

That tribal usage has a sound basis, nevertheless, in their proud story of Irish national survival against centuries of British religious, economic, political and military oppression. While Catholicism in England was almost wiped out in the 200 years after the English Reformation, Irish Catholicism was not: and the key to its survival was its close association with national or tribal identity, in the combination of them as symbols of, and as a means of resistance to, a religious, cultural and national enemy.

Whether religion was using nationalism or nationalism using religion never needed to be resolved - until Irish partition and the independence of the south changed the total context. But it did not fundamentally change the character of Irish Catholicism in its shared identity with Irish nationalism, as a resistance movement in opposition to something outside itself which threatened it: an enemy.

So when the last of the British troops embarked from Dublin, the "enemy" had to be relocated because otherwise it would disappear.

Partly it was mythologized, becoming opposition to or even hatred of "the British" as an idea rather than a reality, and implying no particular hatred of any particular Briton. Partly it was transferred to the northern Protestants, who flaunted a caricature of Britishness as the mark of their defiance.

Partly it was transferred to the border as the residual symbol of British rule, and to any British troops on the northern side protecting the border. Partly it was transferred to Catholics in the new republic itself, in the civil war between those who would have truck with the British, and those who would have none - and the contrast between degrees of anti-Britishness still defines the difference between the political parties today.

And partly it exists in the secret core of Irish identity, where hating "the British" in general (but again no individual in particular) is almost as important as, and almost the same thing as, loving Ireland.

Irish Catholicism knows very well it would be contrary to the Christian faith to make an enemy of a person or thing unless that person or thing was evil or unjust. But this relocated, transferred, mythologized, fragmented and hated British thing which lingers in Irish consciousness, still has to be the "enemy", both because an enemy is still necessary to maintain religious and national identity, and because it is still sensed in the various ways described above.

If this world-view is not to collapse, the "enemy" has to be, must be deemed to be, "unjust"; and to be the cause and symbol of all that is wrong in Ireland, particularly emphasized where the presence is most obvious. So the existence of the border and of British troops is "unjust", the continuing British administration there is "unjust", and the very presence of a million northern Protestants is "unjust".

Unemployment among northern Catholics is "unjust" too, and must also be the fault of the British, as if the difficulty of attracting industrial development or tourism had nothing whatever to do with civil instability, disorder or the IRA.

The Roman Catholic Church has never faced the fact that its many references to "injustice" will be heard throughout Ireland as a coded reference to Irish unity.

It has never seen that this continual reinforcement of the sense of grievance is itself an implicit push in the direction of violence; it is never pointed out the degree to which the problems are self-inflicted in so far as they are real; never admitted that the British peace-keeping presence in Northern Ireland is a remarkable act of political courage (and justice) with the highest possible motives at great cost; never acknowledged that political pressure to incorporate the Protestants into an alien state is the grossest injustice to them and the cause of much personal distress and communal conflict; and never admitted that the Irish Church might itself have fostered a sense of Irish "Catholic" but truly uncatholic patriotism, which was bound to lead to alienation, sectarianism and disorder and whose hidden foundation is unjust hatred of an entirely mythical enemy.

OBITUARY

DR E. J. LINDGREN-UTSI

Devotion to Britain, anthropology, and reindeer

Dr Ethel John Lindgren, FRSA, who, in 1949, founded the Reindeer Council of the United Kingdom, died on March 23, at Reindeer House, Aviemore, within sight of the herd which she had helped her second husband, Mikel Utsi, to create. She was 83.

She was born on New Year's Day, 1905, at Evanstown, Illinois, into a Swedish-American banking family. She attended a private school in Boston and travelled extensively with her family in Europe and in the Far East, visiting Japan and China by the time she was seventeen.

Her main university education was at Newnham College, Cambridge, where she read Chinese and experimental pyschology. She learned Russian, and spoke Swedish, French and German as well as some Dutch, Mongol and Tungu.

All this was in preparation for carefully and long-planned explorations in central Asia between 1928 and 1932. Her doctoral dissertation on the Reindeer Tungus of Manchuria is now being prepared for publication by a former pupil.

These travels also resulted in the presentation to the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology at Cambridge of some rare and beautiful Central Asian artefacts. Little of Dr Lindgren's anthropological work in Mongolia has been published largely because she was an organizer rather than a writer. She made things happen.

This is illustrated by her long association with learned societies including the Royal Anthropological Institute, where she served on the council for 28 years, and as vice-president and honorary editor of the institute's journal from 1938 to 1947.

Her academic career included being research fellow at Newnham College (1936-9), when she edited *The Study of Society: Methods and Problems*. During the war years she was editor-in-chief of the *Wartime Social Survey* and liaison officer with the Allied Governments in Exile at the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

She also lectured in social anthropology at Cambridge. She became a British citizen in 1940. She also helped to receive at Cambridge many war refugees.

In 1947 she married her second husband, Mikel Utsi, a Swedish reindeer owner, with whom she established the well-known reindeer herd on the Cairngorms. The creatures, re-introduced to Scotland after 800 years, were both a challenge and delight to her and she regularly travelled to Aviemore, particularly at calving time. She herself could never forget the irresistible look in a reindeer's velvety eyes.

She and her husband encouraged scientific research and organized visits and publicity for these unusual and beautiful animals. She took a great interest in the Cairngorm area, and also in Harston, Cambridgeshire, where she lived for over fifty years. She was an enthusiastic, active and generous supporter of the village's life, including the church and the Conservative Association.

Another aspect of Dr Lindgren's multi-faceted life was her devoted work, often in the background, for Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge — a college for mature women students — of which she was a founding fellow. She served on several key committees, and her wise and timely advice, as well as her generosity and hospitality on behalf of the college, have been a constant inspiration. It greatly pleased her to see the college growing and flourishing.

She had an enormous breadth of interest, was almost fanatical in her British patriotism, and was altogether a formidable character. Yet generosity always shone through, and she was the most passionately loyal of friends.

Over six-foot in height, she was immensely proud of her elegant feet and hands, and in her prime beautiful auburn hair. She was a colourful character, with many friends and admirers, who were introduced to each other and mobilized to help with her projects. She was both active herself and a great catalyst.

Her husband, Mikel, died in 1979, and she is survived by the son of her first marriage and by her step-son.

DR GEOFFREY CUMING

The Reverend Dr Geoffrey Cuming, who died in Texas, on March 25, at the age of 70, was one of the architects of the Alternative Service Book (ASB), a liturgical scholar of international repute, and a great inspirer and encourager of those who were taking their first hesitant steps in liturgical scholarship.

Geoffrey John Cuming was born in 1917, a clergyman's son, and was educated at Eton and Oriel College, Oxford. During the war he was concerned with bomb disposal and Parachute Field Ambulance before being invalided out in 1944.

He trained for the priesthood at Westcott House, and served his title at St Stephen's, Burnley. But he was much more at home as an academic, and in 1950 was invited by Dr R. R. Williams (afterwards Bishop of Leicester) to join St John's College, Durham. It was there that he first became interested in the history of the Prayer Book.

Williams, who liked to have scholars among his clergy, appointed Cuming to the vicarage of Billesdon in 1955, and moved him to the Leicester suburban parish of Humberstone in 1963. The writing went on in the best tradition of the Anglican scholar/parson.

In 1961 he published *The Durham Book*, for which he received the Durham DD.

In 1967 appeared *A History of Anglican Liturgy*. "Proctor and Frere" had long been showing age. However, rather than revising that book, Cuming wrote a new book, bringing the story down to the early days of the Liturgical Commission — a commission whose work he knew at first hand, having served on it for fifteen years, latterly as vice-chairman. In 1982 a second edition of his *History* brought the story up to date.

He undertook a large "caseload" when the work of preparing the ASB for publication was begun. He was, with Dean Jasper, of York, involved principally in the intricate work of compilation and standardization.

Although clearly the pre-eminent Prayer Book scholar of his day, Cuming's eminence among liturgical scholars worldwide lay elsewhere. At congresses of Societas Liturgica — the International Society for Liturgical Research — he attracted eager audiences of his peers. In these circles he was renowned for his work on Hippolytus; and, more recently, for the new light he had shed on Anaphora of St Mark. His definitive work on the latter will now appear posthumously.

From 1969 he travelled weekly to teach at King's College, London, and then in 1974 he moved to Cuddesdon to lecture in liturgy. Since 1981 he had regularly lectured at American universities.

Ten years ago he suggested a permanent forum for younger liturgical scholars in Britain and this resulted in the formation of the Society for Liturgical Study, which made him its president.

Few realised that he was also an authority on recorded music. At one time he wrote regularly for *The Gramophone*, and was joint editor of *The World's Encyclopaedia of Recorded Music*, an indispensable work of reference for the serious "discophil".

Many appreciated his informal but always informative preaching, which was not without a dry wit.

His wife, Ann, daughter of the late Archdeacon Lucas of Durham, survives him with their son and daughter.

ROBERT JOFFREY

Robert Joffrey, who founded and directed one of America's most successful ballet companies — the Joffrey Ballet — died on March 25. He was 57.

Of Afghan descent, he was born Abdulla Jaffa Anver Bey Khan on Christmas Eve, 1930, at Seattle, Washington. He had asthma as a child and a doctor suggested that he take dance classes, for the breathing exercises. He studied dancing with an outstanding teacher, Mary Ann Wells, before moving to New York to enrole at the School of American Ballet and the High School of Performing Arts.

Although he danced in 1948 with Roland Petit's Ballets de Paris, Joffrey was always more interested in choreography. He made his first ballet in 1952, and with his friend, Gerald Arpino, founded the ambitiously-named American Ballet Center, in Greenwich Village, the next year.

Surprisingly, it was in England that Joffrey had his first real success as a choreographer, when he mounted revised versions of two works for Ballet Rambert (1955), including *Pas des Déesses*, a gleeful set of dances which stayed in the repertoire for about a decade. He and Arpino started giving concerts in New York in 1954, and from 1956 began touring, first very modestly, with the dancers and their properties piled into a bus.

The company grew more successful, and from 1962 to 1964 the philanthropist Rebekah Harkness paid for them to enlarge the repertory, to engage many excellent dancers, and to undertake ambitious foreign tours. However, there was a dispute between director and patron, and Joffrey discovered that the new ballets and dancers were under contract to Mrs Harkness, who proceeded to present them as the Harkness Ballet.

That organization did not last long, but within eighteen months Joffrey was back on the road with help from the Ford Foundation, and in 1966 he was offered a permanent New York home at the City Center Theater.

For many years he had made few ballets himself, preferring to let Arpino undertake that. His contribution was to secure the company's long-term stability.

He also ensured a durable repertory, sometimes by cashing-in on fads such as psychedelia and rock in the 1960s, but more significantly by acquiring a strong collection of Ashton ballets and works from the Diaghilev era. He was also the first to persuade modern dance choreographers to create for classical dancers.

The Joffrey Ballet, established in 1956, performed only once in Britain — at the Coliseum, in 1971. It was, perhaps, the wrong time and the wrong repertoire; it was not a success.

But otherwise it enjoys a firm reputation, especially in America; and Joffrey himself was in constant demand to chair the juries of international dance competitions.

Forthcoming marriages

Sir Michael Forestier-Walker and Miss E. Hedley
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Alan Forestier-Walker, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Hedley, of Bellingham, Northumberland.

Mr C.J. Scott and Miss E.J. Boxhall
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Sir Oliver Scott, Bt, and Lady Scott, of Windermere and London, and Emma, only daughter of Mr Michael Boxhall, of Islington, and Mrs Jennifer Boxhall, of Wimbledon.

Mr H.M.C. Allen and Mrs M.S. Wigginton
The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of the late Mr R.C. Allen, and Mrs Sonia Tucker, of Hove, and Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.V. Steven, of La Tour de Peilz, Switzerland.

Mr C.E. Artus and Miss C.A. Crowther
The engagement is announced between Colin Edward, eldest son of Mr R.E. Artus, of Brook Green, London, and Mrs B.M. Artus, of Clifton, Bristol, and Christine Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Crowther, of Caerphilly, South Wales.

Mr A.M. Carey and Miss E.M. Farrant
The engagement is announced between Alastair Mohun, third son of Dr and Mrs D.M.M. Carey, of 30 Shepherds Way, Liphook, Hampshire, and Elizabeth Mary, third daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J.R. Farrant, of Abbotsmead, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.C. Dickinson and Dr S.A. Jenkins
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs H. Dickinson, of Romiley, Stockport, Cheshire, and Sally, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Glyn Jenkins, of Potters Bar, Hertfordshire.

Mr C. Forbes-Cockell and Miss L. Hyman
The engagement is announced between Caird, younger son of the late Mr Seton Forbes-Cockell and of Mrs Forbes-Cockell, of Ascot, Berkshire, and Lynne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Normand Hyman, of Stamford, Connecticut.

Mr J.F. Gathercole and Miss M.T. Stevenson
The engagement is announced between James, son of Colonel and Mrs R. Gathercole, of Cheam, Surrey, and Megan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard C. Stevenson, of Sandhurst, Kent.

Lieutenant A.M.G. Glennie, RN and Miss C.C. Watson
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Commander J.F. Glennie, RN, and Mrs Glennie, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs N.G. Watson, also of Lymington, Hampshire.

Mr J.M. Grant and Miss N.S. FitzGerald
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.M. Grant, of Chiswick, and Nicola, youngest daughter of Major J.D.A. FitzGerald, (retd), and Mrs FitzGerald, of 68 Heworth Village, York.

Captain M.P. Hayle, REME and Captain A.M. Boileau, WRAC-REME
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P.M. Hayle, of Fenwick, Northumberland, and Alison, youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs V.H. Boileau.

Mr C.A.A.P. Hutchinson and Miss C.A. Basker
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Mr John Hutchinson, of Trinidad, and of Mrs Lola Hutchinson, of Roehampton, and Amanda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Russell Basker, of Prestwood, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Lieutenant J.D. Hay, RN and Miss J.J. Basker
The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Commander Donald Hay, RN, and of Mrs Prue Wilson, of Kebbaty House, Midmar, Aberdeenshire, and Joanne, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Russell Basker, of Prestwood, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Mr D.N. Ingram and Miss A.J.C. Benton
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Ingram, of Winchmore Hill, London, N21, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Benton, of Grafton Flyford, Worcestershire.

Mr K.A. Jackson and Miss E.A. Shire
The engagement is announced between Keith, son of Mr and Mrs A.S. Jackson, of Hartlepool, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr B. Shire, and Mrs J. Shire, of London.

Mr A.D. Marsh and Miss D.E. Barham
The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of Mr R. Marsh and the late Mrs J.E. Marsh, of Kenley, Surrey, and Diana, elder daughter of Mr J.E. Barham, of Brussels, Belgium, and Mrs E.A. Barham, of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

THE THYSSEN MASTERPIECES

In "Christ among the Doctors", Albrecht Dürer brilliantly captures the incredulity and resentment of the elders of the Temple (Sarah Jane Checkland writes).

Set out like a dance, the group circulates somewhat threateningly around Jesus, each showing a different response.

First is the sage who refuses to hear and turns away; then the objector, who refers eagerly to his version of the Bible in order to prove Christ wrong. Another gets into close discussion with Jesus, his nobbled hands aggressively touching Christ.

Only one appears to listen: the gentle character on the left, who has closed his book. The painting, signed with the famous AD monogram, and, the practical information, in Latin, "the work of five days" was painted in 1506.

Old Master Paintings from the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection is at the Royal Academy, London until June 12.

Marriages

Mr N.H. Clutton and Lady Sarah Fitzalan-Howard
The marriage took place on Friday, March 25, at Arundel between Mr Nigel Clutton and Lady Sarah Fitzalan-Howard.

Mr E. Hulton and Miss C. Winer
The marriage took place on Wednesday, March 23, in London between Mr Edward Hulton, elder son of Sir Edward Hulton, of London, and of Lady Hulton, and Miss Caroline Winer, elder daughter of Mr Cyril Winer, of Newcastle Emlyn, Dyfed, and of Mrs Patricia Winer, of London.

Mr L. Zinovieff and Miss A. Eccles
The marriage took place on Saturday at All Saints' Church, Faringdon, of Mr Leo Zinovieff, son of Dr Peter Zinovieff and Mrs Victoria Zinovieff, to Miss Annabelle Eccles, daughter of the Hon Simon Eccles and Mrs Alistair Horne. The Rev Michael Starr officiated.

Major J.D. Jonklaas and Miss C.M.G. Langley
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Luke's, Milland, Hampshire, of Major James Jonklaas, son of the late Mr D.Y. Jonklaas and of Mrs S.J. Jonklaas, of Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire, to Miss Charlotte Langley, daughter of Major-General Sir Desmond and Lady Langley, of Agecroft Mill, Milland, Hampshire. The Rev I. Gordon-Cumming officiated, assisted by Dom Raphael Appleby.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rosemary Norman and Olivia Norman. Major Tom Bonas was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr M.C.P. Wilkinson and Miss S.L. Hyde
The marriage took place on March 25, in Richmond, between Mr Michael Wilkinson, elder son of Mr and Mrs Paul Wilkinson, of Twickenham, and Miss Sarah Hyde, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William Hyde, of Coldwaltham, Sussex.

Sevenoaks School

The following awards are announced:

SIXTH FORM
Scholarships: Elizabeth Guyatt (Tonbridge Girls Grammar); Kinner Lakhani (Coast Academy, Mombasa); William Peck (Sevenoaks).
Exhibitions: Katie Asps (Bromley High); Peter Bennett (Sevenoaks); Lucy Farndon (Tonbridge Girls Grammar); Valentine Grimes (St Andrew's, Nassau); Christopher Kent (Sevenoaks).

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Scholarships: Gavin Sayer (Sevenoaks); Guy Weston-Smith (New Beacon); Katharine Adams (Dover College Junior); Stuart Andrews (Sevenoaks); Colin Dobeson (Sevenoaks); Felix Gilman (Bickley Park); Thomas Woodham (Windlesham House).
Exhibitions: Hellose Buckland (Sevenoaks); William Dresner (Yardley Court); Charlotte Grice (Sevenoaks); Elizabeth Ross-Martyn (Bromley High); John Shields (New Beacon); Richard Slater (Sevenoaks); Benedict Wardle (Ardingly Junior).

JUNIOR SCHOOL
Scholarships: Benjamin Assell (Amherst County Junior); Barnaby Chesterman (St David's); Helen Sherry (Kent College Junior); Natasha Parish (Lady Boswell's C of E Primary).
Exhibition: James Webb (St David's).

MUSIC AWARDS
Nicola Dowling (Beaverwood); Tina Humphrey (Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar); Susan Laurie (Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar); Jonathan Lee (Sevenoaks); Sophie Uren (Flexlands); Jonathan Ayling (DCPS London); Sarine Carson (Croydon High); Christopher Cornish (Hazelwood); Tom Mitchell (Solefield).
Exhibitions: Helen Isaac (Derwent Lodge); Anna Wynne (Walthamstow Hall).

SPECIALIST AWARDS
International Baccalaureate: Rebecca Willis (Sevenoaks); Patricia Plant (Bennett Memorial).
The Worshipful Company of Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders for Academic and All-Round Achievement:
Scholarships: Nicholas Masters (Sevenoaks); Hesham Iqbal (Bickley Park).
Exhibitions: Stephen Hale (Sevenoaks); Geoffrey Streatfield (Hilden Grange).

Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of York will open the London International Book Fair at Olympia at 11.00.

Princess Michael of Kent, as trustee, will attend a board meeting of the Victoria and Albert Museum at 10.00.

Christening

The infant daughter of Major Simon and Lady Mary Fishwick was christened Lucy Mary by the Right Rev Leo Smith, Abbot of Buckfast, in Buckfast Abbey, Devon, on Saturday. The godparents are Mr Mark Fishwick, Mrs Michael Campbell-Lamerton and Miss Josephine d'Erlanger.

College of Preceptors

The following are to be charter fellows of the College of Preceptors:

Mr G A Brinsdon, director of education, Sandwell Council; Dr Clare Burstall, director, National Foundation for Educational Research; Mr C H D Everett, headmaster, Tonbridge School; Dr M Frazer, director and chief executive, Council for National Academic Awards; Professor U-J Kiedzik, senior inspector for schools, Berlin; Mr K S Megson, head teacher, Cudworth Middle School, Barnsley; Professor N Thomas, visiting professor, Warwick University; and Professor E G Wragg, director, School of Education, Exeter University.

Service dinner

160 Transport Regiment RCT(V)

Lieutenant-Colonel A.S. Feldman, Commanding Officer of 160 Transport Regiment RCT (V), and officers of the regiment held a ladies' night dinner at the Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham, on Saturday. Major R.M. Wilkinson presided. Colonel J.A. Butler, Colonel of Volunteers, and Colonel A.E.W. Stormer, Commander RCT TA, were the principal guests.

PICK OF THE WEEK AT CHRISTIE'S

Edgar Degas
Blanchisseuses portant du linge
(detail)

THIS WAS ONE of the most revolutionary pictures in the art of the 1870's. Painted circa 1876, it attracted considerable critical acclaim. The image of laundrymaids at work was a new departure in subject matter, and the fresh, almost abstract use of colour is completely modern

The picture was acquired by Sir William Eden, father of the English Prime Minister, who later sold it at Christie's on 1st March 1918 for 2,300 guineas. With an expected price of over £3 million, this will be the highlight of the sale of Impressionist and Modern Paintings and Sculpture at Christie's King Street, on Monday, 28 March at 7 p.m.

For further information about this and other sales in the next week please telephone (01) 839 9060.

8 King St., London SW1
85 Old Brompton Rd., London SW7
164-166 Bath St., Glasgow

Nature notes

The first chiffchaffs are back from the Mediterranean, joining the several hundred that stayed in the south of England during the winter.

They are small, green birds that sing high in the tree tops; but when the wind is strong they come down lower and remain silent. Few birds sing much in the wind except for those, like the wren, that sing mainly from thick cover.

Green sandpipers are passing through Britain on their way to the far north of Europe. They stop to rest and feed on marshes or the muddy edges of ponds, where they step delicately through the water on their long, green legs.

Shield-duck are appearing on lakes and reservoirs as they head back to the sandy coasts where they will breed. They are like small, black-and-white geese, with an orange band across the chest; the drakes have a bright red beak with a knob at the base. Mallards have begun nesting, and some are sitting on clutches of 11 or 12 olive-grey eggs.

The chiffchaff: Singing in the tree tops.

There are fan-shaped tufts of bright green leaves on the hawthorne hedges. The leaf-buds are also breaking on the hornbeams and some sycamores already have thick foliage.

DJM

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Do not be worried and upset. Jesus told them. Believe in God and believe also in me. St John 14:1.

BIRTHS

BARKES - On 26th March 1988 to Diana and Richard a daughter.

DRYSDALE - On March 24th, to Suzanne and John, a son, Richard, a brother for Charlie.

KLEINER - On March 22nd, at Westminster Hospital, to Maggie (née Bailey) and Robert, a daughter Victoria Elizabeth.

LANGMAID - On March 18th, at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, to Chris and Paul, a son, Jonathan Charles James.

PEAKE - On March 26th 1988, in Melbourne, Australia, to Annmaree (née O'Connor) and Simon, a son, Charles Lowsley.

MARRIAGES

LADYMANGREY - On March 25th, Paul, son of Mr Denis Ladyman of Maidstone, and Mrs Jeannette Ladyman, of Exeter, to Elizabeth, daughter of Mr Alan Grey of Merstham and Mrs Madeleine Grey, of South Croydon.

ANNIVERSARIES

SHELLIE 'K.B.' Today is the anniversary of our Wedding Day, 1931-1987. Thankyou darling John for 56 years of my happy married life. Your loving wife Stephanie.

DEATHS

ARMITAGE - On March 23rd, 1988, Margaret Elizabeth Eileen 88 years old at The Beaumont Home, Camberley, Surrey, late of 7 Firwood Drive, Camberley. Funeral at United Reformed Church, Camberley on March 31st at 2.30 pm. Flowers to Camberley and District Funeral Service Ltd, Yorktown Road, College Town, Camberley or donations to Save The Children Fund

BROWN - On March 25th, Dorothy Margaret (Douty), aged 82 years, widow of the late Michael G.H. Brown. Memorial service St. John's Church, Dormansland, Surrey, 3 pm, Thursday March 31st. Donations, instead of flowers, to The Thomas Coram Foundation, 40 Brunswick Square, London, WC2.

BRUCE - On March 24th 1988, at Huntly Nursing Home, Gillespie Road, Edinburgh, Alastair Henry (Billy) Bruce C.B.E., D.L. Funeral service on Wednesday March 30th at 2.15 pm, Mortonhall Crematorium, Pentland Chapel, Edinburgh.

CANE - On March 24th, 1988, peacefully at home, Isabel (née Spence) wife of Peter. Private funeral. No flowers please. Any donation to Arthur Rank House, Mill Road, Cambridge.

CLIFT - On March 24th, peacefully at The Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, after a long illness bravely borne, James Matthews (Home Office, retired). Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Mill Hill at 9.30 am, Wednesday March 30th. No flowers. Donations to Oncology Department, Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead. All enquiries to Phillips, Tel. 01 959 4392.

CURTIS - On March 24th suddenly at her home, Margaret Cynthia, dear mother of Diana and Juliet. Funeral Service at St. Gregory's Church, Marnhull on Thursday March 31st at 2pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Help The Aged, St. James Walk, London EC1R 0BE.

DIMBLEBEE - On March 22nd 1988 peacefully at his home in Malta, Frank Dimblebee D.F.C., K.C.C. of Malta, F.H.C.I., dear husband of Irene, loved father of Richard and Bridget, Dexter and Joanna and Roberta, and dearly loved grandfather of -Sarah, Lucie, Chris, Sam, Jamie, Richard and Nick. Funeral service at the Parish Church of St. Mary and St. John, Rothley, Leics., on Thursday March 31st at 12.00 noon. Cremation following at Loughborough Crematorium, Leics. All flowers and further enquiries to Cross & Cutteridge Ltd, Funeral Directors of Leics. Tel: 0533 816117.

FREEMAN - On Thursday March 24th 1988, peacefully at The West Suffolk Hospital, Arthur Robert, of Icewell Hill, Newmarket, aged 62 years. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Newmarket, Thursday March 31st at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Injured Jockey's Fund, P.O.Box 9, Newmarket.

GALLAGHER - On March 22nd, 1988, Gillian Ann Mytchcest Crewe Gallagher, aged 24, wife of Lt. Frank Bonner Gallagher, US Navy. Too short a life, Dearly loved and greatly missed by Frank, Mum, Daddy and Dooll.

GRANT-DALTON. Peacefully on March 25th at her home, Brodsworth Hall, Brodsworth, Doncaster, Sylvia Joan Cecile, widow of the Late Captain Charles Grant-Dalton and of the late Major Eustace Grant-Dalton and the dear mother of Pamela. Funeral service will be held in Brodsworth Parish Church, today, Monday 28th March, 2pm, followed by interment in the churchyard thereafter. Enquiries to Hickling's Funeral Service Tel Doncaster 723229.

HAWLEY - On March 19th 1988, Major Sir David Hawley, BL, much loved husband of Hermione. Private cremation has taken place. Donations, if desired, to the Pilgrim Hospital Heart Fund, Boston, Lincolnshire.

LETHBRIDGE - On March 25th suddenly in Eastbourne Hospital, Albert Lethbridge, CBE, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral on Thursday 31st March at St. Michael's, Littlington, at 10.30 am, followed by private cremation at Brighton. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Charing Cross Medical School, Fulham Palace Road, W6, or The Great Ormond Street Wishing Well Appeal.

LLOYD - On March 23rd, 1988, peacefully in Beckenham Hospital, Eng Lloyd (née Haine) aged 87, widow of Charles Henry Lloyd. Funeral Service, St. George Church, Perry Hill, Catford, 1pm Thursday March 31st, followed by Interment at Ladywell Cemetery. Floral tributes if desired to Francis Chapel & Sons, 238 High Street, Beckenham, or alternatively, donations may be sent to St. Christopher's Hospice, 51-53 Lawrie Park Road, Sydenham.

MACDONNIC - On March 18th, 1988, Rose (nee Levy). Peacefully in her 90th year. Widow of Samuel and deeply loved Mother of Godfrey and Susan.

NUNN. On March 25th 1988, Norman Wilfred of Alstonville, New South Wales, Australia, aged 79.

PETTIT - Sudenley on March 22nd 1988 at the Wellington Hospital, London. Anthony Edward Pettit, much loved son of Olive Pettit and brother of Beryl Iveagh (Maxine). Cremation at Woyesath Crematorium on Thursday March 31st at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to St. Catherine's Church Holworth, Dorset. C/O Hon. Treasurer, Holworth House, Holworth, Dorset. 'A fine life lost too soon.'

POWELL - On March 26th 1988, peacefully at home, Victor Dennis, husband of Veronica, and father of Kalie. Flowers to Finch and Sons, High Street, Aldershot.

RENNIE - On March 25th, peacefully, Kathleen Margaret, beloved wife of the late Forbes Cale Rennie and mother of David and Barbara. Funeral at Milchley Hill Chapel, Limpsfield, Sanderstead, Croydon, Surrey on Thursday March 31st at 12 noon. No flowers: donations to Gahini Aid Project, c/o Nick Fane, 37 Wykewane, Malvern, Worcs WR14 2XD.

WADE. On March 25th at home, Mary Electra (Mamie), widow of Neville. Mother of Sarah and grandmother of Charlie and Matthew Bird. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Studham on Thursday March 31st at 2.30 pm. Flowers to John Saunders and Son, Duke St., Luton. Donations if desired to 'The Kingfishers', Junior Friends of Kings, Kings College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5.

ZINNECKER - On March 23rd, at home in Washington, Colonel Louis G Zinnecker US Army O.B.E. husband of Pamela.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

COHEN A memorial service will be held for Sir Rex at 12.00 today at the West London Synagogue, Upper Berkeley St., London W1

MARPLES - The private funeral of Brigadier Mike Marples took place at St Mary The Virgin, Westham, near Pevensey on Friday March 25th 1988. A memorial service will be held at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on Saturday May 7th 1988.

STEWART - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Captain Robert Ross Stewart R.N., D.L., J.P., will be held at St. Mary and All Saints Church, Droxford, on Wednesday 20th April at 3pm.

YOUNG - Thanksgiving services for the life of Canon Edwyn Young C.V.O. will be held at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy at 12 noon on Monday 18th April - and at Liverpool Parish Church at 12.05 pm on Tuesday 10th May.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

LLOYD-WILLIAMS - TREVOR. In treasured and ever loving memory. Joan.

REED - Gladys M. Our wonderful mother and grandmother, died March 28th 1987. Forever loved and always in our thoughts.

TROUGHTON - On 28th March 1987. In loving memory of my late husband Patrick Troughton, a tree has been planted in his beloved Bushy Park. It lies in a quiet secluded spot, where Pat would often come to relax and watch the wildlife, this was his dearest wish.

Appointments to the Forces

Royal Navy

REAR ADMIRALS: B T Brown - To be promoted Vice Admiral and to be Chief of Naval Personnel, Second Sea Lord and Admiral Prince of Wales' Royal Naval College Greenwich 27.9.88; N Purvis - Director General Naval Manpower and Training 28.7.88; C L Wood - Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Operational Requirements (Sea Systems) 27.7.88.

CAPTAINS: C M J Carson - Staff of CINCNAVHOME 7.2.88; C H D Cooke-Priest - Britannia Royal Naval College 19.4.88; J G Ferris - MOD Bath as DSS/C 29.4.88; M L Ladd - MOD London 13.5.88.

COMMANDERS: K Dudley - Royal Arthur 4.10.88; C Hunt - Staff of SACLANT 16.7.88; A A M Johnstone - Staff of CINCNAVHOME 27.6.88; C N S R Kilgour - Cdr SM3 26.7.88; A T Lightoller - MOD London 13.9.88; M D MacFarlan - RNR London Div - 27.9.88; W M Parker - Staff of FOSNI 25.5.88; R A Preece - MOD London 20.9.88; D C Rowley - HQ AFSOUTH 23.9.88; M N Sessions - Beaver 15.7.88; C M Sharpe - MOD London 6.5.88 (in the AHR of Captain); D G Thomsett - MOD London 16.5.88; B Westlake - MOD Portsmouth and XO Temeraire 11.10.88.

Retirements
REAR ADMIRAL: J S Cooper - 14.5.88.
CAPTAIN: D Goldson - 9.4.88.
COMMANDERS: P K Anthony - 2.5.88; M J McLoughlin - 30.4.88.
CHAPLAIN: F T Lynn - 4.5.88.

ROYAL MARINES
COLONEL: M A Taylinder MOD as (Loc Col) 24 Jun 88.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: D J Minorris RM Poole as CO 21 Jun 88; R S Tallyour MOD 17 Jun 88.
MAJOR: M L A Macleod Saclant as (Loc Lt Col) 19 Aug 88.

The Army

MAJOR GENERAL: E H A Beckett - to be Hd BDS Washington. 1.4.88.

BRIGADIERS: E F G Burton - To be Comd Arty 1 Armd Div. 31.3.88; R A Cordy-Simpson - To be Comd 4 Armed Bde. 11.4.88.

COLONELS: J V Fielding - To MOD(PE). 31.3.88; C Telfer - To HQ BAOR. 28.3.88; M J C Galloway - To HQ 2 Sig Bde. 31.3.88; W B Stevens - To MOD. 28.3.88; M S White - To HQ LSG. 29.3.88.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: D A K Biggart RRF - To RMAS. 28.3.88; B M Gordon-Smith RA -To HQ UKLF. 29.3.88; T P B Hogarth RA - To RSRE. 28.3.88; J C M Hughes AAC - To MOD (PE). 29.3.88; R A Hull RCT - To be CO 30 Regt RCT. 28.3.88; A J C Kennedy GORDONS - To HQ 1(BR)Corps. 1.4.88; B G Mobley RAOC - To be CO Ord Sqn Hersen. 28.3.88; J M Roulstone WRAC - To be Comd WRAC NE/NW Dist. 28.3.88; R H Tandy REME - To REME Offrs Sch. 28.3.88; J C Woodrow GREN GDS - To HQ SW Dist. 28.3.88; R A Mount REME - To MOD(PE) 28.3.88.

Retirements
COLONELS: A K Fowler late RA. 31.3.88; A Whitehorn late RE. 4.4.88.

Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORE: D F Lawrence - To HQSTC 31.3.88;

GROUP CAPTAIN: J McLeod - To MOD(PE) 31.3.88;

WING COMMANDERS: C A Patterson - To RAF N Luffenham 28.3.88; R M Ford - To RAF Locking 28.3.88; C J Lampard - To RAF Marham 28.3.88; R I Hogg - To HQRAFG 29.3.88; B W Price - to MOD 29.3.88; H V Lether - To Harrogate 28.3.88; H V Lether - To MOD AFD 28.3.88; H C Harvey - To HQ 1 Gp 31.3.88; P Bradly - To RAF Boscombe Down 31.3.88; I M Johnson - To HQRAFSC 31.3.88.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Raphael, Urbino, Italy, 1483; Saint Teresa of Avila, Avila, Spain, 1515; George I, reigned 1714-27, Osnabrück, Germany, 1660; Thomas Clarkson, abolitionist, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, 1760; Artistde Briand, 11 times premier of France, 1906-32, Nobel peace laureate, 1926, Nantes, 1862; Maksim Gorky, novelist, Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, 1868; Corneille Heymans, physiologist, Nobel laureate 1938, Ghent, Belgium, 1892.

DEATHS: William Thornton, architect, Washington, 1828; Modest Mussorgsky, composer, Leningrad, 1881; Virginia Woolf, writer, Rodnell, Sussex, 1941; Sergei Rachmanioff, composer and pianist, Beverly Hills, California, 1943; Stephen Leacock, professor and humorist, Toronto, 1944; Dwight Eisenhower, general, 34th president of the USA 1953-61, Washington, 1969.

The Crimean War began, 1854. The Spanish Civil War ended with the fall of Madrid, 1939. The last German V rocket landed in Britain, 1945.

Parliament this week

Commons
Today (2.30): Education Reform Bill, completion of, remaining stages. Community Charges (Registration) (Scotland) Regulations.
Tomorrow (2.30): Housing (Scotland) Bill, progress on remaining stages. Motion on membership of select committee on televising proceedings.
Wednesday (2.30): Housing (Scotland) Bill, completion of remaining stages. Merchant Shipping Bill, remaining stages.
Thursday (9.30). Easter recess debates.

Lords
Today (2.30): Employment Bill, report.
Tomorrow (2.30): Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, third reading.
Wednesday (2.30). Debate on United Kingdom space policy.
Thursday (11). Licensing Bill, report.

Gray's Inn

The Chief Justice of Hong Kong, Sir Ti-Liang Yang, has been elected an honorary master of the bench of Gray's Inn.

Appointments

Mr P. D. Ewins, Director of Nuclear Projects, to be Director of the Admiralty Research Establishment, Ministry of Defence, on April 1, in succession to Mr I. B. Bott, who is retiring.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAN LEEMING
appealed yesterday on Radio 4 for funds for medical research to cure blindness. The need is urgent. Please help.
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Submarine archaeology is a natural for television, precisely because of the difficulties involved. With their wicker shopping baskets and elephantine vacuum cleaners, the divers might have been taking part in a particularly cruel event of *The Krypton Factor*. There was something Buster Keaton about much of this: the shot of a diver having a bunch of grapes lowered to him for his lunch may have been a television first.

The attraction of this series lies very much in its subject matter rather than in its treatment, which seems to have been aimed at a *Play School* audience. "Each shipwreck", Tim Piggott-Smith assured us, "is . . . a time-capsule". The bromide-haunted script cannot be blamed on the actor, who happens to have been bought in for the job; but, as so often in documentaries of this kind, one longed to see evidence that a single intelligence was in control of the whole operation.

It was surely not necessary to include footage from a diving fashion-fair in order to convince the viewer of the sport's popularity; one might have been more taken with hard information about ship-wreck-looting, since this was mentioned so often. And the creative genius who decided that a sequence showing volunteer divers passing plutocrats' yachts required a lengthy burst of "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?" deserves to be locked in a decompression chamber with that song on a loop tape.

More generally, one would like to know why practically everything on television, from harmless documentaries to golden goals, is deemed to need the decoration of synthesizer music — or, indeed, any music at all.

Martin Cropper

Deadly innocent

OPERA

Salome
Grand, Swansea

André Engel's direct, serious-minded approach, for Welsh National Opera, to *Salome*, (intimated to Hilary Finch here last week) strips the work of festering decadence and turns out to be in close accord with the clear, light, mobile touch that Sir Charles Mackerras brings wonderfully to the score, as with the youthful and innocent central performance by Stephanie Sundine. We are not in the labyrinth of desire, but rather in the open air of whim: the urgings are fresher, in the way they sound both from the pit and from Sundine's singing.

The move from the tumbling jewels and satins of Herodian extravagance is established at once by Nick Rieti's set, which is opened to view before the music starts, and which presents, in naturalistic detail, the dead sleeve of an enclosed courtyard, evoking the Cairo of Flaubert and J.F. Lewis: it is a dim corner, admitting light only through heavy wooden screens, except that the image of the moon is seen beyond a high slatted window.

Engel's aim is to suggest a real place, where, as he stimulatingly points out, time elapses at its real rate. One might ponder on why this synchrony with clock time is so much a feature of Strauss's operas (though here, unfortunately, the moon stays still).

Transferring the piece from first-century Judaea to 19th-century Egypt nevertheless causes some embarrassment to Herod, who becomes a peevish pasha. In Robert Tear's vivid interpretation, with every word eloquently audible, he has something of the clownish malevolence of a Monostatos, which is striking, and probably as much as can be achieved in this new locale, but not quite right.

Instead of being weakened by sensuality and luxury, he seems merely weak: a little man not deserving the majesty of Herodias's erotic contempt. Perhaps because the full amplitude of her scorn is not drawn out, Della Jones's Herodias is a hard woman, whose hardness is frequently conveyed by *sprechgesang*: her best moments when she swirls her midnight blue robe behind her.

Made so much less gross and grotesque, the royal couple might well have been reduced in their contrast with Jokanaan, though in fact the effect is to point up how strongly the contrast is created by the music, with Philip Joll giving a fiercely convinced interpretation of the prophet, his voice at once stark and rounded, as if it were coming out of a desert cave.

The major faults of the production are its moments of staginess, when the image of reality slips. One might say that there is excuse for this in the score: the argument of the Jews, for instance, is one of those characteristic passages where Strauss steps out from telling his story to offer a set-piece. But Engel's lapses tend to be bathetic (the stage mist gushing out when Jokanaan is released from his cistern) or else to run counter to the tone and meaning of the rest.

The dance is a particular problem. It is good that so much of this should be utterly still, and Sundine does the puzzled, puzzling look effectively; but the waltz with Herod belongs in quite a different sort of production (here it is just amusing), and it cannot be right that Salome should end by squirming against and then hurling herself down on Jokanaan's prison window. Herod's cry of rapture then suggests an unbelievable blindness.

Engel might also usefully drop the "idea" that it is the Page who kills Salome, which has a certain nice symmetry, but looks forced. It also brings the achievement plummeting after an awesome handling of the lunar eclipse scene, where the insidious orchestra, the stillness on stage and the unearthly cold light of Sundine's singing provoke the sensation that we have gone too far, spilled out from this opera into something else, unforeseen.

For Sundine, though, this is just a peak in a chillingly beautiful, chillingly plausible performance: though not heavy, her voice has telling force, with only the odd low phrase causing difficulties. She also, in her virginal white, looks the part of a Diana dancing towards unwilled catastrophe, making it all too reasonable that Narraboth (a part excellently, eagerly sung by Peter Bronder) should fall in her wake.

WNO should be feeling pretty confident before the inevitable comparisons are made with the forthcoming Royal Opera production.

Paul Griffiths

ZOË DOMINIC

Confronted by the consequences of whim: Stephanie Sundine as Salome, with Jokanaan's head

Leaving it to the music

Katya Kabanova
Grand Theatre, Leeds

Considering the constant and dramatically important references to nature in *Katya Kabanova* — the Volga, the birds, the flowers and above all the weather — it may be perverse that Graham Vic's five-year-old production for Opera North carefully avoids representing them.

Stefanos Lazaridis's sets and costumes are primarily dark. They focus on the constricting atmosphere provided by the Kabanov household as the main generating element in Katya's tragedy. The storm in the last act is represented by only a few bursts of dry ice until Katya feels driven to confess her sins, when a few flashes and some off stage thunder make the storm seem rather sudden.

Vic and Lazaridis would presumably argue that the element of nature are fully there in Janáček's glorious music and that any further attempts to show them would be superfluous. And although Janáček is equally explicit in portraying the household and all its social implications, it is certainly true that their superb set with its revolving house eliminates the difficulties of the scene-changes during notoriously short interludes precisely because it makes no attempt to show the river.

But the main problem they create is for the singers. In this context there is very little scope for demonstrative acting. And that makes it difficult to generate individuality of character, particularly when, as here, Katya's husband and lover (both tenors) have similar build and clothing. It is a nice touch, perhaps; but, although John Harris and Edmund Barham both sing well, it is difficult two hours later to remember any essential difference.

More colour came from the "light" lovers: Louise Winter as Varvara and Paul Nilon as Kudryash gave some of the loveliest and best-characterized singing of the evening. David Gwynne's Dikoi and Catherine Wilson's Kabanikha may both be a shade too subtle for the context. Eiddwen Harrhy, who portrays the title role in a kind of Vanessa-Redgrave-doing-Ibsen style, is magnificently lucid and should soon offer more dimension of character.

So the chief glory of the evening was in the fine orchestra response to Elgar Howarth's exceptionally sharp ear for textures and colours, this wonderful playing allowed Janáček's music to envelop the performance, as indeed it should.

David Fallows

Well-meant but mis-directed

THEATRE

Hinkemann
Old Red Lion

Coming from the Group — the company that scored a notable success at this address with Pirandello's *Naked* — this second excursion into the European theatrical archives pays an ineffectually well-meaning tribute to Ernst Toller.

We have a bad conscience about Toller: a Cassandra-like artist, who saw all the mid-century horrors coming, delivered his unheeded warning and committed suicide in 1939. Morally he occupies an unassailable position; but productions (with the marginal exception of Robert Walker's Half Moon revival of *The Machine Wreckers*) leave him stylistically embalmed in the past.

Hinkeman, a *Heimkehrer* piece of 1923, is supposed to be the naturalistic exception in his expressionistic output. Its "lame man" hero is an emasculated working-class soldier, who comes home to see his wound reflected in German society. The surrounding greed and cruelty strike him as a continuation of the war; and when he walks down the street he sees people with adding-machines and truncheons in place of heads.

Despite Hinkemann's Woyzeck-like credentials, he is still largely a creature of the generalized grotesque expressionist vision — which, in fact, accounts for the most stageworthy passages of the play. Naturalistically, it is a terrible mess.

Hinkemann's frustrated wife has an affair with a virile brute who conveniently quits the field to allow her an undistracted suicide. His old mother arrives to announce the return of her long-lost husband and leaves, never to be seen again, after borrowing a suit. Hinkemann becomes a fairground freak, swallowing rats to music, and is threatened with imprisonment when he gives up the job: again, we hear no more of this.

Roland Jaquarello's production sets out to implant an emblem of suffering humanity at the centre of a macabre carnival of grimacing tarts, pimps and beggars; all seeking, in the words of the smirking, opera-cloaked showman who supervises the revels, to turn their misfortunes into good business.

There is a cast of over 20, under-employed and poorly directed on the confined scrap-timber set. Ray Winstone has the right wrestler's physique for the maimed strongman hero, but his performance is limited to taciturn misery and bursts of undisciplined wrath.

Irving Wardle

Mesmerising madwoman's tale

The Straw Chair
Traverse Theatre, Edinburgh

The Traverse's silver jubilee season has opened with a little gem. It is not so much Sue Glover's play, though that provides a fine setting. It is the performance of Anne Lacey (on the left in our picture, right, with Sharon Murcroft), which sparkles so brightly.

Lacey plays Lady Rachel of Grange, who has been exiled by her noble husband from 18th century Edinburgh to the remote Island of St Kilda, in those days home to a lively if closed community. The straw chair of the title, the only chair on the island, is all that is left of her former glory and she clings to it with the same fervour that she clings to her dreams of returning to Edinburgh to seek vengeance. But she is also clinging desperately to her sanity, which is beginning to desert her in the face of the gaelic speaking Islanders, isolation and effective imprisonment and was a touch suspect even back in Edinburgh.

All this we learn because of the arrival, also from Edinburgh of a summer missionary of the Kirk. His wife of 10 days naturally falls in with Lady Rachel and her doughty keeper Oona as the only other English speakers in the Island. The dying embers of sophistication and waspish tongue of Lady Rachel are enough to turn the young bride's head. Her attempts to help her lead to disgrace but also to a great transformation in the minister, from a desiccated old stick to a rather more caring Christian.

If all this sounds a bit far-fetched, it's all historical fact except for the details of what passed between the minister and Lady Rachel. Sue Glover has meticulously researched the story and, although rather a lot happens off-stage and the minister's change of heart is a bit abrupt, the dialogue is crisp and telling and has no truck with the whimsy and feyness which so often bedevils Scots writing about the past. Jeremy Raison's nicely judged direction is hard to fault.

Robert Dawson Scott

SEAN HUDSON

The Constant Wife
Thorndike, Leatherhead

Now that this theatre's famously loyal audience is galloping into old age, younger audiences must be netted; but how to do so without scaring off the old?Will younger citizens urge their friends to see this Somerset Maugham marital comedy from 1926? I doubt it, even though its heroine could be viewed as a forerunner of Women Lib.

Her reaction to the discovery that her husband has been enjoying an affair with her best friend is not one of anger, she is far too keen on remaining ahead of the game to let herself be mastered by emotion. She takes a partnership in a high class interior decorating business, makes herself financially independent and leaves for a holiday with an old admirer.

The scenes in which she turns the tables on convention emerge as only milding amusing, the reason being that despite what people keep telling her ("You're such a good woman") she's actually not nice at all. Sabina Franklyn's playing, unwaveringly bright and self possessed, exposes the condescension of the character and the bitchiness that she only gets away with because Maugham made the others too thick to notice it.

Her mother (Annette Kerr) is the exception, a worldly wise Sibyl whose test of love, "Could you use his toothbrush?" has always struck me as definitive. It is a test applied to the wife's dogged admirer, Bernard, who becomes a refreshingly real creature in Peter Clay's performance, quietly ponderous and speaking in a voice reminiscent of gently rolling pebbles.

The cast take abrupt walks round the furniture to indicate thoughts unspoken. In one scene four of them are obliged to watch silently while two others hog the dialogue, and it is instructive to see how they take up attitudes that they can sustain for the duration without twitching. Here, as elsewhere, the play's antiquity tells.

Jeremy Kingston

Dreamy pieces

CONCERTS

ROH Orchestra/Tate
Covent Garden

Jeffrey Tate: somnolent pace

A voice in the audience behind me opined that it was "a nice dreamy piece to come to after a day's work". The remark followed the Chamber Symphony by Franz Schreker, with which Jeffrey Tate began his "Garden Concert" on Friday last with the Royal Opera House Orchestra (a programme repeated there on Saturday) and the comment was not without relevance to a work reminiscent of Delius in its hovering harmonies.

Renewed interest in Schreker, who died in 1934, has been concentrated mainly on his operas, though not yet in Britain. The Chamber Symphony might awaken that here. Performed with augmented strings to a Mozart-size orchestra of about 36, it clarified some misconceptions about his status as between teaching and composing.

If one purpose of these events within the special acoustic stage "shell" is to put an opera-ballet orchestra into the concert limelight it was odd to find it only at full strength for Elgar, and not to bring forward its own principal player to feature in the Richard Strauss Oboe Concerto. Instead Gordon Hunt was borrowed from the London Philharmonic as a lambent soloist to whom the long-breathed phrases presented no problem, the work harking back to an earlier elegance in the composer's style.

The performance had a certain somnolent enjoyment to offer both here and in Elgar's *Falstaff*, which was markedly idiosyncratic in pace and texture and came across to my ears with a dispiriting flatness of characterization and two-dimensional sound-quality overall.

Noël Goodwin

Hybrid beauty

RPO/Ashkenazy
Barbican Hall

Beethoven's oratorio *Christ on the Mount of Olives*, composed in 1803 and revised the year after, is the definitive hybrid. Its music pays its respects to Bach, Haydn and, especially, Mozart, while philosophically it seems to glorify the spirit of humanism, the presence of God in every man, rather than Christianity in its strictest definition, despite what at first sight seems a straightforward Biblical text. The final choral fugue, an exultant movement, is surely at least as much about the power of man to transcend himself as it is about the power of god as man's guide.

Of course, one ought to expect nothing else from Beethoven, and nor should the close juxtaposition of material whose straightforwardness brings to mind *Die Zauberflöte* with that, rather more florid, which has more in common with *Don Giovanni*, or even *Il Barbiere*, raise many eyebrows.

The connection with *Die Zauberflöte*, however, goes further. In Beethoven's work, Jesus is an inspired man required to suffer, to be enlightened in the purpose of his suffering, and to transcend it for a better end. The Seraph provides his enlightenment, and Peter, for the short time he takes part, fulfils the role of faithful, even if momentarily misguided, helpmate.

Vladimir Ashkenazy conducted a vigorously motivated performance of the work, with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in solid form. There was some excellent chorus work from the Tallis Chamber Choir, which produced well-blended, clean, firm and rhythmic singing in every department, including the traditionally suspect tenors.

Alison Hargan, deputizing at short notice for Sheila Armstrong, was soon giving the radiant role of the Seraph everything she had, which included some delectable high notes and passage work. Jesus, a heroic tenor role, was sung by David Kuebler, who at times rather forced his attempts to project the voice. Nevertheless the operatic style of his performance well-suited the music, as did William Shimell's beautifully gauged singing in the role of Peter.

Earlier, Ashkenazy directed a performance of Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concert, from the keyboard, which was full of poetry and grandeur and, above all, vividness.

Stephen Pettitt

Restraint and simplicity make it work

RADIO

It is always a joy to be reminded that radio need not be complicated nor strident to be powerful. Some of the most effective of programmes are indeed those which without great embellishment or artifice use the medium's intimacy to present an aspect of life in a direct and accessible manner. Radio drama lives, correctly, according to its own dictates, but in the areas of reportage and music programming, it remains true that simple is often best.

Second Sight (Radio 4, Wednesday) was part of the "sound track" series, described as "films for radio" and mixing actuality sounds with personal accounts to explore different human experiences. Given that brief and the risks of aural overkill, it was inevitably that at least one in the series was almost unlistenable, no matter how interesting the subject.

In this week's, however, producer Jenny de Yong was blessed with the gift of restraint and, almost without noticing it, the story of Judy Taylor's blindness and her hopes of overcoming it through surgery developed into a moving piece of reportage. Here, actuality sound was used to punctuate and extend her monologue as she told of the hurt at being told by her boyfriend that if she were not blind he would love her, or her description of seeing the human face as something of absolute beauty when her sight was restored in one eye.

Equal restraint in production was also shown in **Six Silver Strings** (Radjo 2, Wednesday) and with similar effectiveness. A new series presented by Charles Alexander, jazz guitarist and president of the International Jazz Federation, the aim was to offer a selection of the world's best guitarists, irrespective of what type of music they play. Thus, obvious guitar heroes such as Chet Atkins and Merle Travis were played side by side with the likes of The Ventures, an early surfing band, and the Spotniks, an early Sixties Swedish band who donned space suits and used radio-link guitars to be free of trailing cords.

The mixture may sound eclectic and it was, but Alexander, not an experienced broadcaster one would guess, constantly held the focus through his evident knowledge and quiet enthusiasm. The programme surely left this nation of secret strummers writing with shame and envy and promising never again to touch the accursed instruments.

Radio 2's evening programming, incidentally, has now developed into the major showcase for specialist popular music presented in any intelligent manner. **Robert Parker's A to Z of Jazz** (Radio 2, Tuesday) may be a repeat but it is a highly welcomed one, playing classical jazz tracks transformed by Parker's digitalizing progress into high quality stereo.

The station also appears to have developed a useful space for session performances. **Folk On Two** (Radio 2, Wednesday) had Bob Fox and Blake's III playing live, while **Paul Jones** (Radio 2, Thursday) featured Mr C in his rhythm and blues show. **Country Club** (Radio 2, Thursday) carried an interview with songwriter Harlan Howard.

There is a strong underlying interest in such music which, along with jazz, has been poorly served by radio over the years. While the new work in the clubs and pubs seems to be undergoing an interesting period of development and expression, there is an overpowering sense that radio is doing little more than scratching the surface.

It is certainly not feeding the initiative and giving the type of coverage which would allow non-pop and non-classical music to break through into the virtuous circle of new audiences and enterprising new musicians. Such coverage need not be complicated. It just has to be broadcast.

John Marshall

MONDAY PAGE

The CBI says working mothers should be offered career breaks, of up to seven years. But, **Jane Bidder** asks, is there a hitch?

Would a career break... ...ruin your career?

When Jenny Weston, a finance manager for Lombard North Central, hung up her briefcase to have a baby last year, her pregnancy coincided with the birth of Lombard's Return to Work scheme, allowing staff to take up to five years off to "fulfil childcare commitments". During that time, women are offered — but not forced to accept — 10 days' work every year to keep in touch. And when those mothers are ready to return, "every effort" is made to find suitable vacancies, including giving them priority over external applicants.

Lombard's is the type of career break plan currently advocated by a variety of organizations including the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), which recently called on more companies to review family planning policies, the Equal Opportunities Commission and the Manpower Services Commission, which urges that such schemes should be open to all levels and not just high flyers.

So far, so good. But what will five or seven years of domesticity really do to a career? How can a company see far enough ahead to guarantee employment once the children are at school? How can a token stint every year keep a mother in touch so she can return to her desk which has surely grown cold in her absence? And how will all this affect her promotion prospects, given that her contemporaries in pre-baby days will, by now, be light years ahead?

Lombard is well aware of the drawbacks to its new scheme, which has so far attracted 15 mothers: "A mother who's rushed back to work after the ordinary maternity leave might well have a right to feel aggrieved if the promotion she's aiming for is suddenly snatched from her by a woman who's been away for five years and has returned at her previous grading," points out Kay Lines, the Equal Opportunities officer. "Similarly, it's not always convenient for women to return for odd weeks, especially if they're pregnant with their second child and would otherwise be on maternity leave anyway."

Weston, a 31-year-old graduate from Chepstow, says that to stay in touch, she "rings up old colleagues to talk about the new software being installed and if I'm visiting London, I'll pop in to the Surrey head office. I found it surprisingly easy to get back into the swing when I did an eight-day stint. There are, of course, disadvantages like having to relinquish my pension and mortgage perks when I resigned. And I can only hope that my promotion chances won't be hurt when I return."

NICK ROGERS

Full-time mother or working woman? Annette Weller is keeping her options open on whether to return to her job

Civil servant Annette Weller from Sidcup, in Kent, has almost two more years at home before she returns to her job. Weller, 38, is one of 14 women on the Cabinet Office's Domestic Absence Scheme, which was established three years ago for anyone who had been there for a year. Participants are sent regular information packs on important developments and are offered two weeks' paid work a year. If they return within five years, they are reinstated "in preference to new recruits or promotees, providing the department has a vacancy for staff at your grade".

In true Civil Service fashion, there is also a footnote pointing out that re-employment is not guaranteed.

Weller, whose children are now aged five and two, had already left the Cabinet Office before the scheme began but was still invited to join. "I'm keeping my options open," she admits. "But if I do go back and if there is a vacancy, everyone is happy. Even though there's no guarantee of work, I get the impression that an effort will be made to fit us in." Despite this uncertainty, Weller feels that a career break is a good option, pointing out that if she had to re-train for another job she would automatically be further down the career ladder.

Nicola Boyd, aged 33, now a junior assistant manager at Nat West (one of the first companies to start career breaks in 1981), worked her minimum two weeks and filled in for sick staff after her first child was born in 1983. When her second baby arrived, she returned for two days a week and is now back to working full-time, leaving the children with a daily nanny.

The gradual come-back took place under Nat West's re-entry programme for staff aiming at senior management. The bank guarantees a job at the same level at which the mother left, and provides an updating programme on her return. Like most career break plans, there is no obligation on behalf of the employee to return, although most do.

Once back at the bank (in a different branch but same area) Boyd, from Brighton, had to wait a year for a promotion that she had been on the verge of receiving when she became pregnant. Even so, Boyd feels the fact that she has maintained her status makes a career break the best option on offer to her.

Long leaves of absence aren't the only ways of providing career breaks, according to companies like F International, the computing consultancy which has, for the last 25 years, been employing freelancers, some of whom work from home to be with their children. Staff work a minimum of 20 hours a week and, says spokeswoman Rosie Simons, "can continue developing their skills".

Interestingly, F International has recently been approached by several male applicants seeking more flexible working arrangements to be with their families. It is also a trend that has been spotted by Rank Xerox, which is currently considering a career break scheme for male and female staff "to help people with family commitments", says Ian Morris, corporate communications manager. "But it could also be open to someone who's always wanted to climb Everest."

The potential President who marked his voting card with an ex

PENNY PERRICK

As I write, George Bush seems likely to win the Republican nomination and Robert Dole seems likely to melt away into the night. And just when I was getting interested in him, too — not because I find Mr Dole's politics inspirational but because his personal life is riveting.

It appears that the first, and former, Mrs Dole, Phyllis Holden, who is an occupational therapist, worked alongside the second, and current, Mrs Dole, Elizabeth Hanford Dole, in helping to run Dole's Presidential campaign. I find this even more interesting than the fact that Elizabeth Dole gave up her job as Secretary for Transportation in the Reagan administration to be a full-time helpmeet during this campaign. (I am aware at this point that what remains of the Women's Movement is now muttering collectively, "That will learn her." Ungrammatical but emotive).

What manner of man is this to inspire such post-divorce loyalty from his first wife? Help is the last thing that most former sponses wish to provide.

The writer Cyra McFadden put it pretty well in a nutshell when, in explaining why she didn't like the sort of extended-family Christmas where divorced couples meet up for a sophisticated and jolly time, she admitted that the way she felt about her ex-husband was the way she felt about emptying the cat litter tray. One does try so hard to be civilized and behave as if one were in a play by Noël Coward once the decree nisi has dropped through the letterbox, but bouts of gleeful revenge keep breaking through. I am ashamed to say that I listen to the weather forecast only to check that it's raining in Cornwall, which is where my ex-husband lives. It is an added bonus if it is raining in Cornwall and sunny everywhere else, an event more common than one might suppose. It would serve me right if he moved to Greece, although I suppose I would then switch tactics and concentrate on stories about pollution in Athens.

I know it is not a good thing to repress your emotions, but some ex-wives go too far in expressing their intention never to forgive or forget. One whom I know has a limitless number of elegant black suits because her ambition is to be the smartest person at her former husband's funeral. How immature. For one thing, the man is in perfect health, and for another, she looks much prettier in red.

It makes one uncomfortable when a woman asks eagerly after the man to whom she used to be married, and you know that she will be disappointed unless you can come up with some story involving destitution, drunkenness and dirty fingernails. I have found the perfect solution which is to say: "I don't know why, but somehow he looks smaller." Resentful women perk up at the thought of The Incredible Shrinking Ex-Husband.

What has Dole got that brings out generosity of spirit from a past partner as well as from a present one? Obviously a magic ingredient that, had he become President, could have resulted in everyone turning their swords into ploughshares and loving their enemy. Or (a mean-minded thought strikes me) did the first Mrs Dole join the campaign so that she could have a grandstand view when it flopped? No, no, of course, she didn't. It is perfectly possible for an ex-wife to have nothing but fine feelings for a man who is now married to someone cleverer and prettier than she is. It is just that I have never met such a paragon.

A game of consequence

Madge Bray's methods of assessing whether or not a child has been sexually abused, have been criticized by a judge. But she maintains that a child's play can reveal the truth

The toy telephone rang, not that Madge Bray heard it. But three-year-old Emma told her that it was ringing and who was on the line. It was her nursery. "Tell her that I'm coming down to that school right now," said Emma into the phone. "It's that teacher...I'm fed up with that Mrs Arnold. Do your sums. Bye."

Emma put down the phone and picked up a rag doll. She started to undress it. "Oooh, it's got a willie," she said, pulling down its pants around its ankles revealing anatomically correct male genitalia. She giggled and continued: "OK, put its pants on. Now, tuck it in," she said, suiting the action to the words.

Bray sat smiling, watching and repeating the child's phrases back to her. To the director of the Sexual Abuse Child Consultancy Service (Saccs), play is much more than a game. "Play is the medium through which a child communicates. We adults are only just beginning to realize it."

For the past 12 years Bray has been re-learning her playing skills in her work talking to children whom police and social workers suspect may have been abused. She began on the staff of Shropshire Social Services, but as demand for her advice as a consultant came in from around the country she left local authority work in 1984 and she set up Saccs as a freelance consultancy.

Last month, after years spent conducting hundreds of investigations under the confidential aegis of the High Court's Family Division, or for social services offices throughout Britain, Bray was suddenly thrust into an unwelcome limelight.

A social worker from her agency, Mary Walsh, was criticized by a High Court judge for her work in a case in Hereford and Worcester in which a father was accused of abusing his daughter. The accusation was made after a diagnosis by a paediatrician who employed the contested anal dilatation technique used during the Cleveland controversy last year. Bray had herself given evidence as an expert witness to that inquiry.

Bound by the restrictions the courts impose on her in such cases, Bray has until now refused to comment. "What I can say is that anal dilatation is a key factor in only around 2 per cent of our cases."

PHILIP DUNN

Serious game: Madge Bray finds a child's use of toys revealing

She is clearly worried that much of the progress made in dealing with this taboo subject over the last decade could be jeopardized by the public's fear that all children entering hospital may now be seized by zealous paediatricans bent on employing this as yet unproven diagnostic technique.

The expertise of Saccs — employed by local authorities to train psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, probation officers, JPs and senior police officers — is talking to children using sympathetic techniques which extract information in an unthreatening and reliable manner.

"For years society took children who were thought to have suffered a traumatic experience and then subjected them to another one. We took them into an adult world and fired questions at them," Bray says. "But they did not have the words to express themselves or understand adult sexual experience."

Her solution is a box of toys of all descriptions. "It is a unique device," says Professor Graham Davis, an experimental psychologist based at North East London Polytechnic. "Children are poor at retrieving in a coherent way events which have happened to them. The child needs some kind of stimulus."

But what could Bray learn from the game she played with Emma? "She seemed a normal child. If she hadn't been you wouldn't have been allowed to see her. Her attitude to the doll's genitals was appropriate for her age — mischievous and feeling it was slightly rude. Abused children, faced with that doll, often freeze and say nothing or display unnatural familiarity with the genitals."

Many parents threatened with inquiry into alleged abuse in their family feel that children can be led, or that their natural sense of fantasy can be manipulated. But the idea that children fantasize or tell lies about being abused has been abandoned by much of the psychiatric community, says Professor Jean La Fontaine of the London School of Economics, a former president of the Royal Anthropological Institute who has made a study of child abuse.

"Few of the ideas held by the general public about the sexual abuse of children are supported by detailed investigation. The rape of a child by a stranger is the rarest form of this offence. Children are most at risk from those living with them. Children rarely lie about having been abused; rather, they are easily prevailed upon to keep silent and are not often believed when they try to get help. The victims are not newly nubile girls but pre-pubertal children. Offenders are not dirty old men but may be respectable fathers and step-fathers."

Psychological problems arising from keeping a family secret can sometimes be as burdensome as the abuse. The child's version is often later challenged by the parents, who may subject the child to a variety of pressures including threats of violence and death to prevent their revealing the abuse, claims La Fontaine.

One girl was told that God was monitoring her conversations with the social worker and that He would report back to her father. Another was secretly told by her mother that the real reason she had been taken into care was for betraying her father and that she could come home only when she retracted.

From her work with adolescents who were abused as infants, Mary Walsh is aware of more long-term effects. "A girl who is sexually active when she is four may end up in prostitution at 14. Later in life such girls may have difficulty in sexual relationships or find it hard to become good parents. At worst they abuse their own children or end up in a psychiatric hospital or prison."

But diagnosing the problem and halting the abuse is only the start. Then, through Saccs, the long period of therapy with each abused child begins.

Paul Vallely

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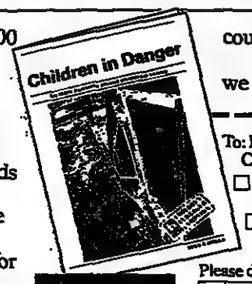

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **THE BEST OF FRIENDS:** Dramatized correspondence between Shaw, a Lady Abbess, and the director of the Fitzwilliam Museum. Brings Gielgud back to the West End stage. Until April 23.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Tues-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 3pm, £5.50-£15.

☆ **THE FOREIGNER:** Patchy comedy. Nicholas Lyndhurst as a timid tourist in the US struck dumb with nerves.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane WC2 (01-836 3878). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3-5.30pm, £5-£13.50.

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack waging eccentric war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's new comedy.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£14.50. (D)

★ **THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940:** New York comedy-thriller starring Simon Cadell, Tom Baker, Margaret Courtney, Sheila Steafel, Maria Friedman: set in a country mansion cut off (you guessed) by snow.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill SE10 (01-858 7755). Train: Greenwich. First night tonight, 7pm, then Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Sat 2.30pm, £3-£10.

★ **NANA:** Shared Experience's vigorous production of Zola's tale of decadent abandon in *fin de siècle* Paris.
Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock EC4 (01-236 5568). Tube: Blackfriars. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.30pm, Sat 8-10pm, mats Thurs 2.30-4.30pm and Sat 4.30-6.30pm, £8-£10.50.

☆ **SHIRLEY VALENTINE:** New Willy Russell play: outstanding performance by Pauline Collins as the downtrodden housewife *tempted by a Greek Island.*
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, mat Wed 2.30-4.45pm, £6-£13.50.

☆ **THE TUTOR:** Drama by 18th-century playwright Reinhold Lenz, adapted by Brecht: set in Prussia after the Seven Years War and directed by revered Brechtian actress, Angelica Hurwitz.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Wed 2.30-5.30pm and Sat 4-7pm, £4-£14.

WORD-WATCHING

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GAMETE
(b) A reproductive cell, usually haploid and sexually differentiated. The female gamete (or *ovum*) unites with the male gamete (or spermatozoon) during fertilization to produce a zygote, which develops into a new individual. From the Greek *gametes* a wife.

OZOKERITE
(a) Earth-wax; a natural mixture of solid hydrocarbons, a brownish or greyish mass, resembling paraffin wax, from the Greek *ozein* to smell, and *keros* beeswax.

VECTOR
(b) Any physical quantity that requires a direction to be stated in order to define it completely, e.g. velocity, from the Latin *vehere, vectus* to carry.

CANAL RAYS
(c) Positively charged ions produced during an electric discharge in gases; they are accelerated to the cathode by the applied potential difference, and allowed to pass through canals bored in the cathode.

☆ **YOU NEVER CAN TELL:** Toby Robertson's starry Shaw, with Michael Hordern, Irene Worth and Michael Denison.
Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-6pm, £7.50-£14.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665). . . ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

OUT OF TOWN

GUILDFORD: ☆ **Married Love:** New Peter Luke play about Marie Stopes, starring Susan Hampshire.
Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Millbrook (0483 60191), Mon-Thurs 7.45pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, mats Thurs 2.30pm, Sat 5pm, £6.50-£10.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME: ☆ **Buried Alive:** New version of Arnold Bennett's comic tale of a shy painter who switches identities with his dead valet.
New Victoria Theatre, Etruria Road, Basford (0782 717962), Wed and Thurs 7.30pm, Fri 8pm, £3-£6.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

BABETTE'S FEAST (U): One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales, immaculately transferred to the screen by a fellow Dane, Gabriel Axel. With Stéphane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Lumière (01-836 0691). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

■ **BABY BOOM (PG):** Modish comedy about a power-hungry careerist (Diane Keaton) whose life goes haywire on the arrival of an apple-cheeked baby girl. Directed by Charles Shyer (111 min).
Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.15.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644). Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.50, 8.30.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

BARFLY (18): Charles Bukowski wrote the script for this humorous, semi-autobiographical look at life in a seedy Los Angeles bar. With Mickey Rourke as a self-styled poet of the bottle, and Faye Dunaway as his equally alcoholic companion. A first American film from the Swiss-French director Barbet Schroeder (99 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.35, 6.10, 8.50.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.40.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35.
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 1.40, 3.45, 5.50, 8.05, 10.10.

CRY FREEDOM (PG): Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal sentiments; with Kevin Kline as journalist Donald Woods, drawn into the case of South African activist Steve Biko (Denzel Washington) (158 min).
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 2.00, 5.40, 8.40.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.25, 5.00, 8.30.

90 DAYS (15): Canadian comedy about two buddies in search of female bliss. Giles Walker directs (90 min).
☎ **Minema** (01-235 4225). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

EMPIRE OF THE SUN (PG): J. G. Ballard's autobiographical novel about a British child in Shanghai caught by the invading Japanese in the Second World War: filmed by Steven Spielberg with great panache. With Christian Bale, John Malkovich and Nigel Havers (153 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.25.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 1.10, 4.35, 7.55.
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 1.55, 5.00, 8.00.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.35, 4.55, 8.00

■ **FATAL ATTRACTION (18):** A spurned lover (Glenn Close) takes revenge on Michael Douglas, his wife (Anne Archer) and family. Adrian Lyne directs this unsettling thriller (119 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.30, 5.25, 8.20.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.20, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.00.
☎ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

THE FOX AND THE HOUND (U): Visually glum but dramatically taut Disney cartoon from 1981, about the adventures of a fox cub (83 min).
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.05.

MOONSTRUCK (PG): Should Cher play it safe and marry Danny Aiello, or follow her heart and go for his brother, Nicholas Cage? Norman Jewison took the Best Director prize at the Berlin Film Festival for this winning comedy-drama (nominated for six Oscars) (102 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 3.55, 6.15, 8.30.
☎ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

NUTS (18): High Society whore Claudia Draper kills a client in self-defence. Is she sane enough to stand trial? With Barbra Streisand and Richard Dreyfuss (116 mins).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.10, 5.45, 8.25.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.15, 3.15, 5.45, 8.15.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME (15):** Ridley Scott's showy visual style dominates this police thriller, in which rookie Tom Berenger is assigned to protect a well-heeled witness to a brutal murder (106 min).
☎ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252). Progs 1.10, 3.40, 6.10, 8.45.

STAKEOUT (15): Synthetic but spirited comedy-thriller with a dash of romance. Richard Dreyfuss and Emilio Estevez play wisecracking Seattle cops on a routine stakeout; Madeline Stowe is the ex-con's girlfriend involved with Dreyfuss. John Badham directs (117 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.05, 4.35, 7.10, 9.45.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 12.55, 3.25, 5.55, 8.30.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Prog 8.30.

■ **WISH YOU WERE HERE (15):** David Leland's poignant comedy about a teenage girl's sexual adventures in a drab seaside town. Marvellous playing by Emily Lloyd (92 min).
☎ **Odeon High Street Kensington** (01-602 6644). Prog 1.45, 4.00.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.45, 5.05, 7.25, 9.50.

■ **WHITE MISCHIEF (18):** Glossy account of cuckoldry and murder among Kenya's "Happy Valley" set in the Forties, with Greta Scacchi, Joss Ackland and Charles Dance. Michael Radford directs (105 min).
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

WITHNAIL AND I (15): Knockabout British comedy about two out-of-work British actors trying to maintain sanity at the end of the Sixties. Written and directed by Bruce Robinson; with Paul McGann and Richard E. Grant (107 min).
☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-930 2738). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.45.

OPERA

☆ **UN BALLO IN MASCHERA:** Anna Tomowa-Sintow is now the Amelia, Peter Vorsky the Gustavus and Piero Cappuccilli the Anckerstrom in the Royal Opera's revival.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). 7.30-10.50pm £2-£58.

★ **CARMEN:** Opera 80's shoestring travelling production, today with Colette McGhon in the title role, Ivan Bolton conducting.
Coronation Hall, Ulverstone. (0229 52299), 7.30-10.30pm £4-£6.50.

Henderson and Hill in duet

During the early to mid-1960s, when the Blue Note logo was still a sign of unimpeachable quality, Joe Henderson (above) and Andrew Hill emerged as two of the label's most invigorating artists. Hill in particular dazzled listeners with a series of albums which somehow achieved a synthesis between traditional and avant-garde textures, not dissimilar to Thelonious Monk's tightrope feats of an earlier period. In later years, after leaving Blue Note, Hill seemed a stranger to the recording studio. Nevertheless, last year's Soul Note album *Shades* found its way to the top of many critics' polls. Joe Henderson — often mentioned in the same breath as Sonny Rollins — has made frequent appearances in this country, notably with the Paris Reunion Band. He kept the flag flying for the reconstructed Blue Note roster with the somewhat over-rated two-volume set *The State Of The Tenor*, recorded at the Village Vanguard, New York, in 1985. He and Hill begin two nights in London in a quartet completed by the solid English rhythm section of Mark Taylor and Mick Hutton. Venue: Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476) 8.45pm, £7. *Clive Davis*

☆ **BITTER SWEET:** Ian Judge's slick production of Noël Coward's masterpiece reaches Glasgow, with Ann Mackay, Rosemary Ashe and Martin Smith.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow, (041 331 1234), 7.30-10.30pm, £3-£12.50.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

PORTER SONGS: Sandra Porter, soprano, sings Pittaluga, Debussy, Gershwin, Mompou and Brahms. *Malcolm Martineau pianist.*
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

ALL PERGOLESI: Pergolesi's Stabat Mater is heard from the Lacosaldi Ensamble conducted by Peter Lea-Cox.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham St, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

EVENING

IBERIAN REQUIEM: Winding up the "El Siglo de Do" series of Spanish and Portuguese cathedral music of the Golden Age, Coro Cappella conducted by Bruno Turner give a programme titled "Iberian Requiem," including Magalhaes's Commissa mea Pavesco, Lobo's Audivi Vocem de Coelo and several pieces by Victoria.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3-£5.

PETROU PLAYS: Prizewinning guitarist Nicholas Petrou performs Walton's Bagatelles, Mersson's Sonata Op 36, Barrios's La Catedral, three pieces from Castelnuovo-Tedesco's Platero and I.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

REMEMBER ALKAN: On the eve of the 100th anniversary of Alkan's death, Santiago Mantas plays works by the astonishing virtuoso pianist and composer including the large-scale, granitic Sonatina Op 61, interspersing these with pieces by such of his contemporaries as Mendelssohn and Chopin.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £3.50.

GALLERIES

DAVID MACH: The sculptor has made an installation called 101 Dalmatians using life-size china dogs.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, free, until June 26.

HUNTING GROUP ART PRIZES: An exhibition of the best works submitted in an open competition with £15,000 of prizes.
Falmouth Art Gallery, The Moor, Falmouth (0326 313863), Mon-Fri 10am-1pm, 2-4.30pm, free, until April 22.

JOHN HITCHENS: Recent paintings.
Montpelier Studio, 4 Montpelier Street, London SW7 (01-584 0667), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until April 9.

DOUGLAS COOPER AND THE MASTERS OF CUBISM: 61 *watercolours, gouaches,* drawings and prints by Gris, Léger and Picasso.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, free, until April 4.

LE CORBUSIER (1887-1965): A rare chance to see polished paintings and drawings by the modern architect.
ASB Gallery, 28 Bruton Street, London W1 (01-491 1333), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, free, until May 6.

EDOUARD MANET (1832-1883): See caption.
Museum and Art Gallery, Le Mans Crescent, Bolton (0204 22311), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-5pm, free, until April 23.

Édouard Manet (1832-1882), above, experimented with etching in the 1860s, the period when he was painting *Olympia* and *Le Déjeuner sur l'herbe*, his most controversial pictures. Because the works depicted unidealized nakedness, Manet was deemed immorally corrupt. Though not a committed print-maker, he used etching to try out ideas for early, supposedly pornographic, works such as *Olympia*. A touring exhibition describing Manet's flirtation with print-making, with portraits including one of his friend and defender Baudelaire, starts today at the Museum and Art Gallery, Bolton (see listing).

JAZZ

☆ **GUILDHALL JAZZ BAND:** Students from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama are joined by pianist John Taylor and vocalist Norma Winstone.
Barbican Centre foyer, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795), 1pm, free.

☆ **GEORGIE FAME:** Far removed from his days as a Sixties pop star, the vocalist has more recently shown a preference for Gershwin and Hoagie Carmichael. He opens a week's residency tonight in the company of the Peter King Quartet.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

☆ **MARTIN TAYLOR:** Stephane *Grapelli's urbane guitarist makes* an appearance with the Jimmy Thompson Quartet.
The Mechanics, Manchester Road, Burnley (0282 30055), 8pm, £3.

☆ **DON RENDELL:** Veteran saxophonist and mentor to many a young player.
Bull's Head, 373 Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241), 8.30pm, £3.

ROCK

KEVIN AYERS: Founder member of Soft Machine; like Robert Wyatt, one of those erratic eccentrics exerting an unsettling influence on the fringes of English rock.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 8pm, £5.50-£7.50.

A-HA: Norwegian pop pin-ups.
Manchester Apollo, Ardwick Green (061 273 3775), 7.30pm, £8.50-£10.50.

ASWAD: The new British reggae stars after 13 dues-paying years on the road.
Rock City, 8 Talbot Street, Nottingham (0602 412544), 8pm, £5.50-£6.

EVERYTHING BUT THE GIRL: Kitchen sink love songs from the duo's fourth album, *Idlewild.*
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212), 7.30pm, £7.50-£8.50, for two nights.

ARLO GUTHRIE: "Don't touch my bags if you please, Mr Customs Man." London debut for son of Woody and Woodstock veteran.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191), 7.30pm, £4.50-£10.50.

WALKS

MEDIEVAL CITY BYWAYS OF ST THOMAS BECKET: Meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £3.

CHAUCHER'S OLD PILGRIM ALLEYS: Meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £3.

LEGAL LONDON — THE INNS OF COURT AND LAW COURTS: Meet Temple tube, 11am, £3.

DICKENS'S LONDON: Meet the Museum of London, 2.30pm, £3.

SHERLOCK HOLMES DETECTIVE TRAIL: Meet Baker Street tube, 7.30pm, £2.50.

TALKS

LENT LECTURE: Sister Hilary of the Community of St Mary the Virgin, on John Donne.
Stoll College, Victoria Embankment, London EC4, 5.30pm, free.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY LECTURE: Professor John M. Thomas on Catalysts, ancient and modern.
Royal Institution Lecture Theatre, Albemarle Street, London W1 (01-437 8656), 6pm, free.

OTHER EVENTS

LONDON INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR: Opening day of this three-day trade fair, primarily for publishers. More than 500 stands, many with special demonstrations, covering an enormous range of books from the academic to romantic fiction, general knowledge to reference books. Book signings, this afternoon with Charles Causley, Margaret Yorke, Aeron Clements and Jancis Robinson, who holds a wine-tasting competition, 6-8pm, with the chance to win a dinner for two at *L'escargot.*
Olympia 2, London, W14 (01-603 3344), 3-8pm, £4, accompanied child under 16 free.

PUBLISHERS PANDEMONIUM: Informal pantomime performed by leading publishers and writers in aid of the Charity International Pen for Writers in Prison.
Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London, W8 (01-603 4535), today, tomorrow 8pm, £5.

SIR HENRY THOMAS (1878-1952): Opening today to coincide with the London's Conference of the Association of Hispanists of Great Britain, a display about the life, career and writings of the former principle keeper of printed books at the British Museum.
British Library, Great Russell St, London, WC1 (01-639 1555), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm, free.

NATIONAL GALLERY FILMS: Two today — *George Stubbs* and *Turner.*
National Gallery, Lower Floor Theatre, Trafalgar Square, London, WC2 (01-839 3321), 1pm, free.

SALE OF IMPRESSIONIST AND MODERN PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURE: In two parts. One of the highlights of today's sale is *Paysan Catalan Au Repos* painted by Joan Miró, twice signed, titled and dated April 10-25 1936: estimated value £400,000 to £500,000.
Christie's, 8 King Street, St James's, London, SW1 (01-839 9060). Part I tonight 7pm, Part 2 tomorrow 11am.

SALE OF BIBLIOGRAPHY: First day of a diverse and extensive sale includes Thomas Frognall Dibdin's *Bibliomania or Book of Madness* published 1809. Other lots include caricatures and cartoons by Rowlandson, Beerbohm, Cruikshank; censorship and erotica; private presses, the works of William Hogarth, Eric Gill, Charles Dickens; Victorian detective fiction, *maps and 20th-century photography.*
Sotheby's 34 New Bond St, London, W1 (01-493 8080), 1pm.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ARGENTINA: THE GARDEN OF FORKING PATHS: Part 1 of 4-part season with an overview of nation's cinema history from 1930s through censorship years of Peron and Junta regimes to return of democracy. Films include *Official Version, Camila, Funny, Dirty Little War,* Demichelli's *The Mystery of Eva Peron.*
National Film Theatre, South Bank, London, SE1 (01-928 3232), booking from today.

MAY AT THE SOUTH BANK: Highlights include concerts in End Games late work series: performances of Haydn's *Seasons,* and London Orpheus Choir in Handel's *Jephtha;* programme of 16th-century Italian carnival songs to celebrate May Day; Barrie St Germain memorial concert; and Irving Berlin centenary tributes. Lontano give first performances of work by William Kraft, Robert Dick, and Martin Butler's *Tin Pan Alley.*
South Bank concert halls, London, SE1 (01-928 3191), (01-928 8800 credit cards), (01-928 3002 information), postal booking open, phone/personal booking from April 5-8.

LAST CHANCE

JOHN MAKEPEACE OF PARNHAM: Work of furniture maker, including oak table made to celebrate Liberty's centenary in 1975, and The Throne, one of four chairs made from a single tree of Lebanon cedar. Ends today.
Watford Mill Craft Centre, Stone Lane, Wimborne Minster, Dorset. (0202 841 400).

CADBURY NATIONAL EXHIBITION: Children's art, sculpture, paintings and poetry. Final week at Norwich before continuing tour.
Castle Museum, Castle Meadow, Norwich (0603 611277).

BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond Prizes are: £100,000, 27A 595656 (the winner lives in Colchester); £50,000, 12AW 529247 (Channel Islands); £25,000, 19BF 335086 (Chesterfield).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Penny Osborn; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 01-638 8891/01-628 8795 Today 1.00 GUILDHALL JAZZ BAND AND SINGERS A programme of British jazz. Admission Free.

OPERA & BALLET

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GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 853 3600 (no bkg fee) Evenings at 7.45. Sat mats 2.30 (Tonight at 7.00) THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940 by John Bishop.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.40 Edgar Kennedy in *Westward Ho-Hum* (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Sally Jones. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25. 8.55 Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air goes behind the scenes of *Crossroads* in the soap's last week. To talk to the cast ring 061-814 0424 **9.25** The Flintstones (r).
10.00 News and weather followed by The Muppet Babies (r). **10.25** Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by Play School presented by Floella Benjamin and Iain Lauchlan (r).
10.50 The Gospel According to St Mark. The first of seven films retracing Jesus's last days on earth. With Roger Rees **11.00** News and weather followed by Open Air on the set of *Crossroads* where the cast are ready to answer viewers' questions
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Magazine series presented by Pamela Armstrong and Judi Spiers. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather **1.20** Neighbours. Charlene is unable to live it up in her mother's absence. **1.50** Going for Gold. European general knowledge quiz presented by Henry Kelly.
2.15 Ironside. The Chief enlists the help of a police dog when on the trail of a killer (r). **3.00** Best of British. Clips from famous period films made by Rank Studios narrated by John Mills (r). **3.25** Watchdog. Consumer affairs series (repeated at 7.35).
3.50 Bananaman (r). **4.00** The Antics Roadshow from Hadlow Road Station, Willaston
4.15 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon version (r). **4.20** Jackanory. Thora Hird with part one Alf Proysen's *Mrs Pepperpot* (r). **4.30** Droids. (Ceefax)
4.55 Newsround **5.05** Blue Peter **5.35** Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather. **6.35** London Plus
7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests include Lenny Henry who has news of the total money raised from *A Night of Comic Relief*; John Gordon Sinclair, Rik Mayall, Stephen Fry and John Sessions who are appearing in a West End play; and Ian Botham who is in southern France. Plus, a song from Crystal Gayle.
7.35 Watchdog. Consumer affairs series presented by John Stapleton and Lynn Faulds Wood (shown at 3.25).
8.00 Blackadder II. A repeat of the Bafta award-winning episode.
8.30 You Must Be the Husband. Domestic comedy series starring Tim Brooke-Taylor and Diane Keen. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Panorama. David Lomax talks to the Archbishop of Canterbury about the Church of England's attitudes to the ordination of women, homosexual clergy and involvement in politics. With views from parishoners in Essex, Cornwall and Co. Durham.
10.10 Talking Pictures. In the last of his series on the history of Hollywood Barry Norman examines "Tinsel Town" today. With contributions from Steven Spielberg, Burt Reynolds and Clint Eastwood. (Ceefax)
11.05 Praise to the Holiest. The first of four musical meditations for Holy Week from Llandaff Cathedral.
11.50 The Gospel According to St Mark (shown at 10.50am).
12.00 Weather.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Maths – Classifying Cubics. Ends at **7.20.**
9.00 Ceefax.
11.30 The Sorcerer. Gilbert and Sullivan's two-act opera starring Clive Revill with the Ambrosian Opera Chorus and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Alexander Faris.
1.30 Pigeon Street (r). **1.35** King of the Rocket Men (b/w). Episode one of a 12-part vintage cliffhanger serial **1.55** Popeye Classics (b/w). *Pleased to Meet Cha!*
2.00 News and weather followed by Songs of Praise from St John's *Kirk, Perth* (r). (Ceefax)
2.35 Look, Stranger: The Birdman of St James's. A profile of Arthur May, for 21 years birdkeeper on Duck Island opposite Buckingham Palace (r).
3.00 News and weather followed by World Skating Championships featuring the exhibition gala **3.45** Noticeboard. **3.50** News, regional news and weather.
4.00 Advice Shop. Margo MacDonald with the second programme of advice on the DHSS benefit changes.
4.35 Moment of Truth for David Tomblin as he directs 1,000 extras in a battle scene for the film *King David* (r). **5.05** My Music (r). **5.30** Tomorrow's World (r).
6.00 Film: The Navy Steps Out (1941, b/w) starring Lucille Ball and George Murphy. A Harold Lloyd-directed comedy about a young woman engaged to a sailor but is in love with her boss.
7.30 Cartoon Two. *The Awful Fate of Melpomenus Jones* (r).
7.40 Open Space: To Give Up a Child. Women who give up their children for adoption.
8.10 Horizon: The Heart of Another. (Ceefax). (see Choice)
9.00 Film: On the Big Bus (1976) starring Joseph Bologna and Stockard Channing. A nuclear-powered bus touring the United States is earmarked for sabotage by worried oil companies. Directed by James Frawley.
10.25 Indelible Evidence: Gaslight. Forensic scientists help solve a murder mystery (r).
10.55 Newsnight **11.40** Weather.
11.45 Open University. Ends at **12.15am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am includes, at **6.30** Good Morning Britain from the studio and, at **7.30** from Florida, presented by Mike Morris and Kay Burley.
9.00 Wacaday introduced by Timmy Mallett in Florida.
9.25 Thames news.
9.30 Lucky Ladders. Word game show presented by Lennie Bennett **10.00** Santa Barbara **10.25** News headlines.
10.30 The Time. . . The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject **11.10** Let's Pretend to the tale of *The Sleepy Squirrel Who Couldn't Sleep* **11.25** Thames news headlines
11.30 The Miriam Stoppard Health & Beauty Show. Looking and feeling good series **12.00** The Sullivans. **12.30** Quandries. The first of a new comedy quiz presented by Matthew Kelly.
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20** Thames news.
1.30 Film: Pearl of the South Pacific (1955) starring Virginia Mayo and Dennis Morgan. Adventure yarn about a schooner-owner who sets sail for a South Pacific island where he believes there is a fortune in black pearls. Directed by Allan Dwan.
3.00 Prisoners or Patients. A discussion on how the Dutch penal system deals with violent criminals **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** The Young Doctors. Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital.
4.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for children **4.10** The Moomins. Episode 10 (r). **4.20** The Real Ghostbusters **4.45** News at Twelve. Drama serial starring Julia Foster, Patrick Malahide and Ewan Phillips.
5.15 Connections. Quiz game presented by Sue Robbie.
5.45 News **6.00** Thames news.
6.25 Help with news of the National Childbirth Trust's disabled mothers' register.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 The Krypton Factor International introduced by Gordon Burns. With competitors from Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. Emily will get a shock if she learns that Curly and Shirley have decided to live together. (Oracle)
8.00 Andy Capp. Comedy series based on the *Daily Mirror* cartoon character. Starring James Bolam
8.30 World in Action: The Man Who Lived a Lie. Part two of the investigation into Kurt Waldheim's past reveals new information about the extent of the international cover-up to protect the now Austrian president.
9.00 Boon. Ken comes to the aid of his friend, Harry, even though Harry has plans that will mean the eviction of Ken (r). (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten **10.30** Thames news.
10.35 Film: The Last Nine (1983) starring Michael Beck and Nancy Kwan. A made-for-television martial arts adventure directed by William A. Graham.
12.15am Sportsworld Extra introduced by Tony Francis. Featuring boxing from Las Vegas; rugby union in New Zealand; and European football highlights.
2.00 News headlines followed by Film: They Got Me Covered (1943, b/w) starring Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour. Comedy thriller about an ex-newspaperman who becomes involved with a spy ring. Directed by David Butler.
3.40 The Twilight Zone: Devil's Alphabet. A story of the supernatural.
4.00 News headlines followed by Taxi. Comedy series.
4.30 That's Hollywood. Cops and robbers chases.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Just 4 Fun.
12.30 Business Daily.
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series for children.
2.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show.
2.00 *The Width of the Imagination.* Part four of the six-programme series features two very different artists who helped transform ordinary cowboys to star status – Frederic Remington and Charlie Russell.
4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson talks to Cornelia Bayley about her all-consuming passion of restoring a neglected Jacobean house in North Wales – Plas Teg.
4.30 Fifteen-to-One.
5.00 The Munsters (b/w). Vintage American comedy series.
5.30 The Beverly Hillbillies (b/w).
6.00 Low Tech. Part five of Rick Ball's do-it-yourself inexpensive furniture making series (r).
6.30 Promises and Piecrust. The last programme of the series presented by Stuart Maclure, editor of the *Times Educational Supplement*, about Britain's education system. (Oracle)
7.00 Channel 4 News includes a report on the rejuvenation of the Welsh economy.
7.50 Comment followed by Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Frank Rogers writes another letter to Anne Barber about the desk job he was promised. (Oracle)
8.30 Kate & Allie. American comedy about two divorced women sharing the same New York apartment. Starring Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin.
9.00 Sounds off the Beaten Track. Musical highlights from one of the stages of last year's Glastonbury CND Festival.
10.00 Hill Street Blues. A black-hooded Ninja warrior invades the station house. (Oracle)
11.00 *The Eleventh Hour: New York Framed.* New York as seen through the eyes of unconventional film-makers
12.30am Film: Variety (1983) starring Sandy McLeod and Luis Guzman. A drama about a young woman's obsession with pornography and crime. Directed by Bette Gordon. Ends at **2.20.**

A story from the heart

TELEVISION CHOICE

A heart transplant in progress at a Montreal hospital shown in Horizon, The Heart of Another: BBC2, 8.10pm

● Departing from its usual format of reporting science from the outside, Horizon (BBC2, 8.10pm) gets right to the heart of the matter – literally the heart – with an award-winning documentary from Canada. *The Heart of Another* follows the fortunes of two transplant patients at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal. Both are family men in their forties and both are critically ill with heart disease. The film covers their initial anxieties about having the operation and then homes in on the event itself. It is probably as intimate a look at the subject as has yet been offered on television, capturing not only the drama of the surgery but the emotions of the families and, in the first of the two cases, the almost desperate attempts to locate a donor. In the end, the operation is made possible only by the airlift of a heart from New Jersey across the border in the United States – and that after the surgeon has spent several frenzied phone calls getting hold of an aircraft and making sure that someone will pick up the bill for the fuel. The last lap of this extraordinary episode reminds one, irreverently, of Anneka Rice in *Treasure Hunt* as the same surgeon sprints along the hospital corridor with the vital organ in what looks like a plastic picnic box. It is crisp and dramatic television, but carried through without the slightest hint of prurience. And, though I will not spoil the impact of the film by revealing the outcome of the operations, *The Heart of Another* is a reminder that while heart transplants are now almost commonplace, there is still much to be learnt before complete success can be guaranteed.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30am Mark Goodier **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Simon Mayo **10.00-12.00** John Peel. **FM** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see Radio 1)
Sports Round-Up **6.50am** **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** John Marsh **7.30** Derek Jameson **8.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Debbie Greenwood **3.30** Joe Brown **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and at **7.30** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special (BBC Big Band) **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton (Jazz on record) **10.00** The ABC Quiz **10.30** Cinema Scrapbook. Soundtrack from 1947 movies **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times are given in GMT **6.00am** Newsdesk **6.30** Six Clues **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** Why Should This Happen To Me? **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Augustus Carp Esq By Himself **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** Good Books **9.30** Financial News Live followed by **9.36** Sports roundup **9.45** Peebles' Choice **10.00** News **10.01** Six Cities **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** The Wondrous Cross **11.30** Album Time **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** My Word **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** Anything Goes **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Cannery Row **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Six Cities **3.45** Seven Ages of Man **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** News Aktuell **7.00** Outlook **7.30** Stock Market **7.45** Peebles' Choice **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours **8.30** Sports International **9.00** News **9.01** The Wondrous Cross **9.15** Journey Round My People **9.30** Vintage Chart Show **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Book Choice **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Education Today **11.30** Multitrack **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Best on Record **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Story **1.45** Journey Round My People **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Sports International **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight News **3.35** Financial News **3.46** Morgenmagazin **4.45** World Today **5.00** World News **5.30** Londres Matin.

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on FM
5.53 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing: Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business Matters **6.55, 7.55** Weather
7.00 and **8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day
8.35 The Week on 4: programme trailers, presented by Charlotte Green
8.42 Something Wholesale: Travel-writer Eric Newby reads the last of six chapters from his book. Today: Caledonia, Stern and Wild **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News bulletin
9.05 Start the Week: Russell Harty with guests
10.00 News: Money Box: presented by Louise Botting (r)
10.30 Short Stories for Holy Week (new series): Old Mrs Chundle, by Thomas Hardy. Read by Sir Michael Hordern. The stories relate to aspects of the Passion. Tomorrow, Wendy Craig reads Susan Hill's In the Springtime of the Year
10.45 Daily Service: from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. With the Choir of Kingswood School, Bath
11.00 News; Travel; Down the River (new series): Cliff Morgan travels along the River Test in Hampshire meeting the people who live and work along its banks (r)
11.50 Poetry Please! presented by Kit Wright. The readers are Anthony Hyde and Elizabeth Proud (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours: presented by Susan Rae
12.25 King Street Junior: school comedy series by Jim Eldridge, starring Karl Howman and James Grout (as the headmaster). Today: Under Canvas (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: includes Betty Mahmoody's account of how she was imprisoned in Iran by her own husband – and how she escaped. And Brenda Blethyn reads the story The Coat Person, by Marie Crossman
3.00 News; Kid Lightning: play by Mike Walker, with John Hollis as the man who once fought in a boxing booth and is now drawn into a gangland world of robbery and blackmail (r) (s)
4.15 I Am Insane: The story of Bolton weaver Thomas Holden who was transported to Australia in 1812 for seven years. Holden is played by John Basham. The storyteller is Monica Gough
4.30 Kaleidoscope: John Baxter reports from the 1988 Adelaide Festival and assesses the state of the arts in Australia generally (r)
5.00 Pm **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 Unnatural Acts: Jeremy Hardy, Kit Hollerbach, Paul B Davies and Caroline Leddy star in a sit-com about four friends living in the same house. The quartet decide to put on a play at the local community centre (r)
7.00 News bulletin
7.05 The Archers: all the latest news from Ambridge
7.20 The Food Programme: presented by Derek Cooper
7.45 Science Now: Georgina Ferry visits some modern museums of science and technology
8.15 The Cassandra Generation: play by Frederick Harrison. The story of a what happens to a journalist who is sent to cover the Falklands war. With Christian Rodska, Stephen Rashbrook and Kim Wall in the cast (s)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: presented by Paul Vaughan. Projected items include Peter Carey's book Oscar and Lucinda: the play Absolute Hell, at the Richmond Theatre, in Surrey; and the David Mach exhibition at the Tate Gallery in London
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Leaving Home; written and read by Garrison Keillor (first of 10 episodes) (see Choice)
10.30 The World Tonight: presented by David Seils
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
FM as above except: **1.58-2.00pm** Listening Corner with Johnny Morris **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10am** Open University: **11.30** Open Forum **11.50** Hume's Science of Man

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. Radio 2: 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m;VHF-92-95. LBC: 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8. BBC Radio London: 1458kHz/205m;VHF 94.9; World Service: MF648kHz/463m.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Ballads, folk song and the Romantics **6.55**
7.00 Concert: Nielsen (Helios overture: Royal Danish Orchestra); Beethoven (Prometheus overture: Philharmonia); Delius (Walk to the Paradise Garden: RPO) **7.30** News
7.35 Concert (contd): Biber (Mystery Sonata No 6 in C minor: Maier, baroque violin; Engel, baroque cello; Lehmdorfer, organ); Allegri (Miserere: Tallis Scholars); Respighi (Church Windows: Philharmonia); Quiter (The Walled-in Garden: David Wilson-Johnson, baritone, with David Owen Norris, piano) **8.30** News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Alkan. Concerto da Camera No 2 (Ponti, piano, with South West German CO); Carnival: Promenade sur l'eau; Gros temps, from Les Mois, Op 74 (Ronald Smith, piano); *Trois grandes etudes*, Op 76 (Smith, piano)
9.35 Borodin Piano Trio: *Beethoven (Variations on* Ich bin der Schneider Kakadu); and Brahms (Trio in B, Op 8)
10.35 Rubbra and Howells: Sarah Francis (oboe) and Peter Dickinson (piano). Rubbra's Sonata in C; Howells's Sonata
11.10 A Ladder without Rungs: Patric Dickinson presents a study of Francis Thompson. With Sean Barrett as Thompson (r)
11.30 Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, with Alicia de Larrocha (piano). Haydn's Symphony No 52; Mozart's Piano Concerto No 27; Stravinsky's Dumbarton Oaks; excerpts from Brahms's Liebeslieder Waltzes **1.00** News
1.05 Cello and Piano: Torleif Thedeen and Clifford Benson perform Schumann's Adagio and Allegro, Op 70; Shostakovich's Sonata, Op 40; Martinu's Variations on theme of Rossini
2.00 Music Weekly: includes Michael Turnelty's Letter from Glasgow; and Nicholas Davidson on Easter celebrations in 17th century Venice. (r)
2.45 Ivor Gurney Songs: Neil Mackie (tenor) with John Blakely (piano). The Singer; Down by the Salley Gardens; Black Stitchel; Thou Didst Delight My Eyes. And the song cycle Lights Out. Also W.D. Browne songs
3.25 Royal Northern College of Music Wind Orchestra under Clark Rundell. With percussion ensemble. Works by Bozza (Children's Overture); David Bedford (Sun Paints Rainbows on Vast Waves); Whettam's Partita for percussion; Dalby's A Plain Man's Hammer
4.25 De profundis: Hilliard Ensemble perform psalm settings by Arvo Pärt. Sung in Russian and Latin
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: music that was first performed in Birmingham. Presented by Lyndon Jenkins
6.25 Organ Music: Andrew Lumsden in Paisley Abbey, performs Langlais's Te Deum; Duruflé's Prelude et fugue sur le nom d'Alain; and Alain's Variations sur un thème de Clément Janequin **7.00** News
7.05 Third Ear: Richard Hamilton, a father of Pop Art, talks to Julian Spalding
7.30 European Broadcasting Union 20th Anniversary Season: live transmission from Finlandia Hall, Helsinki. Finnish Radio SO under Jukka-Pekka Saraste. With Antony Pay (clarinet). Part one. Sibilus (Tapiola symphonic poem); Crusell (Clarinet Concerto No 2
8.15 Letter from Tapiola: a talk by Keith Bosley about what the epic poem Kalevala means to modern-day Finns
8.35 Concert: part two. Aulis Sallinen's Symphony No 5 (Washington Mosaics)
9.20 North and South: first of two talks by Peter Pulzer, Gladstone Professor of Government, Oxford University. (See Choice)
9.40 Recent Settings of the Mass: Giles Swayne conducts the BBC Singers in his Missa tiburtina
10.05 Piano recital: Dimitri Alexeev plays works by Prokofiev (Visions fugitives, op 22); Schumann (Arabesque in C, Op 18); and Chopin (Waltz in A minor, Op posth; and Waltz in A flat, Op 69 N 1)
10.45 The Seven Last Words: by Haydn. The second and third words. Performmed by the Primrose Quartet in a 1941 recording, in mono
11.00 Composers of the Week: Strauss. Recordings of the Fanfare (Festmusik der Stadt Wien); the Horn Concerto No 2 in E flat; the final scene of Capriccio; and Symphonic fragment, Die Liebe der Danae (in the Clemens Krauss arrangement) **12.00** News

RADIO CHOICE

Garrison Keillor: A Book at Bedtime, R4, 10.15pm

● That simplest (and often most rewarding) of all radio formulas, the solo voice at the microphone, can be enjoyed at least twice today. On Radio 3, at 9.20pm, Professor Peter Pulzer, of the University of Oxford, gives the first of his two North and South talks, while over on Radio 4, in A Book at Bedtime (10.15pm), the American writer Garrison Keillor, of the University of Life, begins his readings from *Leaving Home*. No such university? Perhaps not, in terms of bricks and mortar. But as you will know if heard him read his *Lake Wobegon Days* some time ago on *A Book at Bedtime*, Keillor could never have created the sort of three-dimensional folk who populate his small Mid-west town unless he had graduated (with honours) from a seat of learning that had nothing to do with matters academic and everything to do with matters existential. His return to Wobegon tonight fills 15 minutes with quiet magic. As for Professor Pulzer on Radio 3, he defines the deep social, geo-political and industrial divide between North and South that some of those At the Top still insist is not to be found anywhere in the cartography of Britain in the late 1980s.

Peter Davalle

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 6.35pm-6.40 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 News followed by Neighbours 12.00 Rugby Special 1.00am-1.05 News and weather SCOTLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 10.10 Grey Granite 11.05 Talking Pictures 11.55 Praise to the Holiest 12.40am The Gospel According to St Mark 12.50 Weather NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm Today's Sport 6.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Neighbours 11.00 Up Front 11.35 Praise to the Holiest 12.10am The Gospel According to St Mark 12.20-12.25 News and weather ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 WALES: 9.00am Ceefax 10.45 The Sorcerer 12.30pm-1.20 Indoor Bowls

ANGLIA As London except:1.20pm News 1.30-3.00 Film: Xanadu 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 10.35 Anglia Reports 11.05-12.15am Film: Mr Corbett's Ghost 3.40 Waterloo Bridge Handicap 4.30-5.00 Farming Diary.

BORDER As London except:1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Flight From Ashiya 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 10.35 Falcon Crest 11.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.55 America's Top Ten 12.25am Close

CENTRAL As London except:12.00-12.30pm Gardening Time 1.20 News 1.30 Film: Secret Life of Walter Mitty' 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.35 News 10.35 Boxing 11.35 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.30am Film: The Next Man 2.35 Sportsweek 3.05 Sally Jessy Raphael 3.55 Special Squad 4.25 Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:12.00 Spice of Life 12.30-1.00 Arcade 1.20 News 1.30 Film: The Fan 3.00-3.30 Quandanes 6.00-6.35 Channel Report 10.35 Challenge 11.05 POV 12.35am America's Top Ten 1.05 Badmaron 1.35 Spy 2.35 Company, close

GRAMPIAN As London except:12.00-12.30pm Gardening Time 1.20 News 1.30-1.35 Film: Never Too Young To Rock 5.15 Home Cookery 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 North Tonight 6.25 Cromagan 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.35 Sledge Hammer! 11.05 Scotland Tomorrow Dinner 12.05am Festival Folk 12.35 Close

GRANADA As London except:1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30 Film: Judith 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 10.35 Boxing 11.35 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.30am Film: The Next Man 2.35 Sportsweek 3.05 California Highways 3.35 European Top 40 4.35-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except:1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: Secret of the Incas' 6.00-7.00 News 10.35 Film: Little Mother 12.35am Close

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six 10.35 Boxing 11.35 Stress 12.05am-12.35 Twilight Zone.

SCOTTISH As London except:12.00-12.30pm Gardening Time 1.20 News 1.30 Film: On the Beat 3.30-4.00 Short Story Theatre 5.15 Tales of Crime 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Scotland Today 6.20 Crimedesk 6.30-7.00 Fasque 10.35 Scottish Women 11.05 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.05 Boxing 1.00am Late Call 1.05 Twilight Zone 2.05 It's In The Closet, It's Under The Bed 2.35 Sportsweek 3.05 California Highways 3.35 European Top 40 4.35-5.00 Jobfinder.

TSW As London except:12.00-12.30pm Country Practice 1.20 News 1.30-3.30 Film: Above Us the Waves' 5.15-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today 6.30-7.00 Please Sir! 10.35 America's Top Ten 11.05 Schools of Thought 12.05am Poetscript, Close

TVS As London except:12.00noon Spice of Life 12.30pm-1.00 Arcade 1.20 News 1.30 Film: The Fan' 3.00-3.30 Quandanes 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast 10.35 Challenge 11.05 POV 12.35am America's Top 10 1.05 Sports Special 1.35 I Spy 2.35 Company, close

TYNE TEES As London except:1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: Oh God! Book II 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 10.35 Fight Night Special 11.35 Cover Story 12.05am Epilogue 12.10-6.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except:1.20pm Newsframe 1.30 Film: Hans Christian Andersen 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-6.35 Last Journey 10.35 Boxing 11.35 Carson's Law 12.30am Last Journey 12.35 Newsframe, close

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.20pm Wish You Were Here...? 1.20 News 1.30 Film: Alice 3.30 Home Cookery Club 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.35 Calendar 10.35 This Turbulent Priest 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00 Twilight Zone 12.30am Meditations for Holy Week 12.40 Jobfinder 1.40 Closedown.

S4C Starts:10.00am Film: Star Maker' 12.00 Fifteen To One 12.30pm Business Daily 1.00 Sesame Street 2.00 Late, Late Show 3.00 Irish Love Stories 4.00 Gumtree 4.15 Llunau Dydd Llun 4.30 Tu Hwnt I'r Lloer 5.00 Beverly Hillbillies' 5.30 Miami On 4 6.05 Time So Cookie 6.35 Promises and Piecrust 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Arolwg 8 8.00 Tiauki'r Mans 8.30 Y Byd Ar Beiciau 9.05 Iceland Breakthrough 10.05 South Rising 11.05 Comic Strip Presents... Funnybones 12.05am Close

RTE 1 Starts:3.00pm 'Liar' at Three 4.00 Dempsey's Den 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.35 Smurfs 5.05 Ballybeg 5.15 Littlest Hobo 5.45 News 6.00 Angelus 6.01 Newstime 6.30 Nothing To It? 7.00 Evening Echo 7.30 Zero 8.00 Give Us A Chance 8.30 Let Dogs Delight 9.00 News 9.30 Miami Vice 10.25 Hardy's People 11.15 Irish-American Report 11.25 News, close

RTE 2 Starts:6.00pm Emmerdale Farm 6.00 Kids of Degrassi Street 6.30 Country Practice 7.00 Mr Belvedere 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 Nuacht 8.10 Spill Thart 8.35 Films: Spring and Port Wine 10.35 Newsnight 10.50 Durrell in Russia 11.20 Nightlight, close

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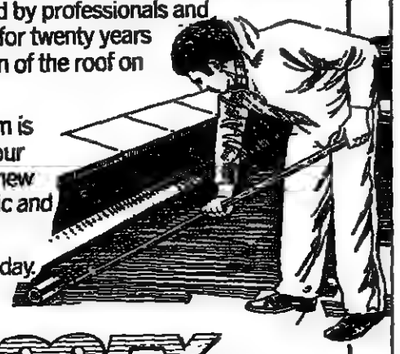

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Inquiry call after eighth scientist dies

By Howard Foster

Mr George Younger, the Defence Secretary, is to be asked to order an urgent inquiry into the death of eight scientists involved in defence work, after an engineer working with Marconi Defence Systems was found dead two days ago.

An inquest is to be held into the death of Mr Trevor Knight, aged 52, who worked in Marconi's guided weapons division in Stanmore, Middlesex. He was found slumped at the wheel of his car in the garage of his home in Harpenden, Hertfordshire. A hosepipe had been connected to the exhaust.

Police said the death was not being treated as suspicious.

Marconi said last night that it is considering issuing a statement about the death of Mr Knight and other scientists who have died in their employ when the inquest is over.

Mr Doug Hoyle, a Labour MP and President of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union, called for an investigation into the deaths and string of unexplained disappearances.

An Ministry of Defence spokesman said yesterday that Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, had ordered police forces investigating all the deaths to liaise a year ago, but no common factor emerged from the inquiry.

One theory advanced by those who have studied the deaths and disappearances of the scientists, is that they have succumbed to the stress of working on high-level projects, sometimes bound by the Official Secrets Act.

The scientists who have died or gone missing in recent years include: Professor Keith Bowden, a computer scientist who died when his car plunged 30 feet on to a disused Essex railway line in 1982.

Mr Vimal Dajibhai, aged 24, a Marconi computer engineer who died after falling from the Clifton suspension bridge in August 1986.

Mr Ashad Sharif, aged 26, also working for Marconi, who hung himself two months later.

Mr Richard Pugh, a computer designer, whose body was found in his Essex home in January 1987.

Mr Peter Peapell, aged 46, a lecturer at the Royal Military College of Science in Wiltshire, found underneath his car with the engine running in February 1987.

Mr David Sands, aged 37, a projects manager at Marconi's sister company, Easams of Camberley. He died after his car crashed in Hampshire last March.

Mr Victor Moore, aged 46, a Marconi scientist, died last April after taking a drugs overdose.

Mr Robert Greenhalgh, aged 46, a defence scientist, survived a 40-foot fall from a railway bridge in Maidenhead, Berkshire in April 1987.

Mr Avta Singh-Gita, a researcher, aged 26, who was studying submarine warfare at Loughborough University, disappeared from a Derbyshire reservoir in January 1987 and was found in Paris a few months later, unable to recall what had happened to him.

Ministers relent over space project

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Government is considering a last-minute contribution to the European Space Agency to save its stake in the American Columbus space station.

In spite of the contempt shown publicly for the agency by trade and industry ministers, they are now known to be enthusiastic about the commercial spin-offs from the Columbus project.

Their conversion is seen as recognition of the commercial potential for British firms rather than any softening in the Government's overall reluctance to increase its £120 million annual space budget.

The change of heart comes as Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, prepares to face almost united opposition in the House of Lords this week to both the Government's lack of enthusiasm and funding for space ventures, and on his refusal to announce a space policy.

Both Lord Young and Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Trade and Industry Minister, now seem to recognize the benefits of earth-observing satellites. However they remain strongly suspicious of the more "glamourous" space ventures involving manned flights, such as the French-designed Hermes space plane or the Ariane V launcher.

They will have to announce their final decision on the Columbus space platform by late April — the deadline for agency's contribution to a three-year, $735 million study.

Mr Clarke recently announced that funds totalling about £4 million would go towards the British centre at the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough for processing information from earth-observing satellites.

The centre could also be used to process data from the Columbus platform, scheduled to be launched in 1994. The information is expected to lead to much more precise weather forecasting and monitoring conditions

Peers, who recently met Mrs Thatcher to press for a space policy and increased funds, report that she remains hostile to "big science" which did not promise commercial benefits for the "foreseeable future".

A silversmith with the golden touch

Off duty: Sir Nigel in his garden workshop and, below, a full tea service designed and made by the Trafalgar House chairman (Photographs: Nick Rogers).

By Andrew Morgan

Virtually every weekend, Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House, tries to leave behind business pressures in his garden workshop, perfecting his technique as a silversmith.

The latest project at his Oxfordshire country home of Checkendon Court is 24 nine-piece sets of cutlery, which he is optimistic will turn out to be his finest work yet.

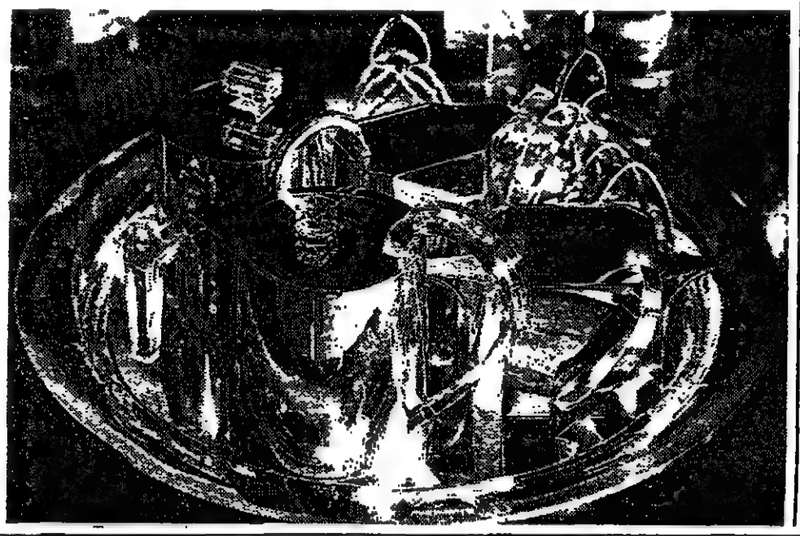
Sir Nigel started silversmithing in earnest 12 years ago after Professor Gerald Benney, one of the country's leading practitioners, offered to sell him some pieces. Instead, Sir Nigel suggested lessons from the professor.

Sir Nigel's favourite pieces include a five-stem candelabrum, made 10 years ago, and an even more complicated version, featuring a classical temple in the base.

"It is a very therapeutic pastime. Rather like with skiing, the professional makes it look easy and the amateur has to concentrate hard. I am very much the amateur but I enjoy focussing all my attention on an item after a week of pressure in the West End," he says.

Sir Nigel buys his raw silver from Johnson Matthey in rods or sheets. He designs all his items and has never sold anything, although he occasionally gives them away.

Sir Nigel, born in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, and considered one of the country's leading property developers, adds: "My ambition is maybe, one day, to put a few items on show."



Ex-agent says MI6 owes him £200,000

By Michael Evans

A former British MI6 agent who claims he is owed £200,000 in expenses for past secret operations for the Government has come out into the open to put pressure on his former employers to pay up.

Mr Anthony Divall, a former Royal Marine now living in Hamburg, has written to Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary who has responsibility for the Secret Intelligence Service, and the Director-General of MI6, Sir Christopher Curwen, demanding to be reimbursed.

Intelligence sources confirmed yesterday that Mr Divall, now 64, had worked for MI6 as an agent after leaving the Royal Marines. The sources said that links with Mr Divall had now been "severed", and that his claims for expenses which were disputed would be "stonewalled".

The letter from Mr Divall to Sir Geoffrey Howe was dealt with by his private secretary, Mr Anthony Galsworthy. It is understood that Mr Divall has been given no hope of receiving the money he is claiming.

Intelligence sources confirmed that Mr Divall had played an important undercover role in the Falklands conflict in 1982, when, posing as a black-market arms dealer, he deceived the Argentines by offering to sell them Exocet missiles for their bombers.

While Argentina had received a small supply of Exocet missiles from France, the military dictatorship in Buenos Aires was searching for more of the missiles. This was picked up by British intelligence, and Mr Divall was contracted to visit an Argentine arms mission in Paris and to offer to sell 30 Exocets for $1 million each.

The MI6 plan to encourage Argentina to rely on Mr Divall so that it would not try to buy Exocets elsewhere worked.

Mr Divall was also involved in other successful operations, including the seizure of an IRA gun-running ship Claudia off the Irish coast in 1973.

Mr Divall, who ran a network of agents himself, now claims that he was not recompensed for all his expenses throughout 40 years. Sources said he was a freelance agent and was paid on that basis.

Cyprus passengers stranded

By Michael Dynes

Hundreds of British holidaymakers were stranded at Larnaca airport in Cyprus over the weekend by an industrial dispute which forced Cyprus Airways to suspend all flights indefinitely.

Airline cabin crews have gone on strike in support of seven staff who were dismissed, allegedly for refusing to return to Cyprus last Friday and demanding overnight accommodation in Hamburg.

An airline official said the seven had since been reinstated, but cabin crews were refusing to go back to work until an overnight stop was incorporated into the company's Larnaca-Hamburg schedule.

The strike came just as the Cyprus holiday season is getting into full swing, making it difficult for travellers to find bookings with other airlines.

Mr Andreas Demetriou, Cyprus Airways' British manager, said the airline's 14 flights a day to Europe and the Middle East were all suspended. The airline was trying to lease spare capacity from other carriers to enable stranded holidaymakers to return home, and to maintain a skeleton service to the island.

Airline officials were hoping to fly 169 passengers to Cyprus on a chartered aircraft from Gatwick last night, and another 231 from Luton airport today. Passengers booked on Cyprus Airways flights to Larnaca from Heathrow are being advised to stay at home until flights became available.

Mr Demetriou said Cyprus Government officials were mediating in the dispute. He said he was optimistic about a return to normal service by the middle of the week.

The travel company Intasun said travel operators were finding spare seats to return people home and holidaymakers stranded over the weekend should be flown back today.

Most holiday companies operate travel delay compensation schemes, which entitle passengers to financial compensation, including the right to cancel their holiday with a full refund.

Benn's permanent Labour turmoil

Continued from page 1

tic as a growing number of MPs, trade unionists and even some members of the hard-left Campaign Group condemned the challenge from Mr Benn and Mr Eric Heffer.

Mr Benn justified his challenge on the grounds that without a truly socialist party there will be nothing to stop the "really hard people coming out of the woodwork". These included, for example, Dr David Owen, he added.

"If this economy gets into deep trouble and there is no socialist alternative, there is no law of nature that will prevent us swinging further to the right."

The Labour leader and Mr Roy Hattersley, his deputy, have condemned the contest as damaging the Party in the short term. But they both hope that, in the long term, a decisive vote in their favour will isolate the far-left and give fresh impetus to their attempts to revitalize the Party's policies.

Mr Hattersley, the deputy leader, said yesterday that if possible he hoped the Party could end up stronger after the contest. "We will be able to establish our vision of the future of the Labour Party as a vision that Labour Party members want."

Speaking on BBC Radio Four's *The World This Weekend* he said he will reject any offers to share a platform with Mr Benn and Mr Eric Heffer, his challenger for the deputy leadership.

Mr Hattersley said: "That really would be making it a media circus. Neither Neil Kinnock nor I intends to make this a field day for anti-Labour newspapers."

Mr Kinnock and Mr Hattersley won the backing of the Labour Coordinating Committee yesterday which described Mr Benn's challenge as "ill-considered and irrelevant".

It added that the decision proved the Campaign Group was "obsessed with internal party battles".

Despite some speculation that Mr Hattersley may face yet another challenge to his position — from someone at the centre of the party — Mr Kinnock has made it clear he is fighting on a joint leadership ticket.

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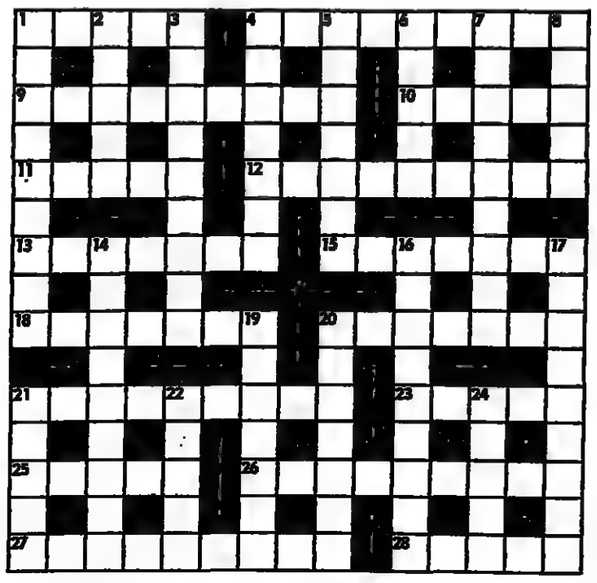

ACROSS

1 Kind about a girl (5).
4 Might well be set in code in parts (9).
9 A fetching breed of dog (9).
10 He has, perforce, to stay away (5).
11 The weight of a cat (5).
12 Don't forget about prayer (9).
13 A city that attracts interest? (7).
15 Security is receiving serious attention (7).
18 Gross attitude in journalist shown up (7).
20 Dicky is cross when cut (7).
21 He seeks sound agreement (9).
23 Curious notion about the Gunners' capacity for charging (5).
25 Exult if a fool accepts money (5).
26 Prune round top freely at the appropriate time (9).
27 Favour secure post (4,5).
28 The first woman given points gets flat (5).

DOWN

1 The panel's arranged to meet in some concern (9).
2 Play about a historian (5).
3 Unusual suits with toes and heels (9).
4 Few part with almost everything (7).
5 Green stuff seen around capsized motor boat (7).
6 The one softwood that's without flaws (5).
7 Lionesses frolicking but making no sound (9).
8 Remained in abode (5).
14 Jabberwocky flower bird (9).
16 Check the impulse to give support (9).
17 Note Communist head's exhaustion (9).
19 Tried to construct a big place in America (7).
20 The miser is a fool accepting credit with little hesitation (7).
21 Just due (5).
22 In Essex tradesmen get more (5).
24 Call up or employ (5).

Concise crossword, page 15

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

SCIENCE TEST
By Philip Howard

GAMETE
(a) An iron-nickel alloy
(b) A cell
(c) Refraction correction

OZOKERITE
(a) Earth-wax
(b) The ozonosphere
(c) An oxidizing agent

VECTOR
(a) A female goshawk
(b) A quantity
(c) A carrier of heredity

CANAL RAYS
(a) Features of Mars
(b) Ear nerves
(c) Ions

Answers on page 22, column 1

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,627 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

North and central Scotland will be mainly cloudy with rain at times. Elsewhere will have rain at first, but showery and somewhat clearer weather will spread from the north-west with some sunny intervals, especially in more sheltered areas. Parts of east and south England will be dry at first but rain will spread, followed by clearer, mainly dry weather. Outlook: colder with sunny intervals and showers.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	f	Luxembg	7	45	c
Algiers	20	68	s	Madrid	16	61	s
Amst'dm	7	45	r	Majorca	16	61	c
Athens	17	63	s	Malta	20	68	s
Bahrain	23	73	s	Melb'rne	26	79	f
Belgrade	7	45	r	Milan	16	61	s
Berlin	6	43	c	Moscow	6	43	s
Bonn'x	12	54	f	Munich	5	41	f
Brussels	7	45	c	Nairobi	23	73	f
Budapest	9	48	c	N Delhi	25	77	s
Cairo	25	77	s	Nice	15	59	s
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Oslo	4	39	c
C'blanca	17	63	f	Paris	9	48	c
Cologne	5	41	f	Peking	12	54	s
C'phagn	5	41	c	Perth	25	77	s
Corfu	15	59	f	Prague	3	37	r
Dublin	11	52	c	Reykjvik	3	37	c
Dubrovnik	15	59	s	Rio de J	27	81	s
Florence	16	61	f	Riyadh	28	82	s
Frankfurt	8	46	r	Rome	17	63	f
Funchal	17	63	s	Seoul	13	55	s
Geneva	7	45	c	Sing'por	33	91	f
Gibraltar	23	73	s	St'kholm	3	37	c
Helsinki	2	36	c	Sydney	25	77	s
Hong K	18	64	c	Tel aviv	20	68	s
Innsbrck	8	46	f	Tenerife	21	70	s
Istanbul	17	63	s	Tokyo	11	52	c
Jeddah	29	84	s	Tunis	21	70	s
Karachi	28	82	s	Valencia	19	66	f
L Palmas	21	70	s	Venice	14	57	f
Le Tquet	9	48	c	Vienna	9	48	f
Lisbon	18	64	s	Warsaw	6	43	c
Locarno	15	59	s	Zurich	5	41	r

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.31	5.06	11.59	5.06
Aberdeen	11.16	3.02	—	—
Avonmouth	4.25	9.02	5.13	9.05
Belfast	8.42	2.09	9.37	2.07
Cardiff	4.10	8.07	4.58	8.09
Devonport	2.36	4.02	3.40	4.01
Dover	9.12	5.00	9.27	5.03
Falmouth	2.06	4.00	3.10	3.09
Glasgow	9.49	3.00	11.48	3.09
Harwich	9.44	3.01	10.01	3.00
Holyhead	8.33	4.44	9.11	4.04
Hull	4.10	5.03	4.22	5.06
Ilfracombe	3.42	6.06	4.21	6.08
Leith	12.17	4.03	12.46	4.03
Liverpool	9.09	7.02	9.46	7.04
Lowestoft	7.57	2.00	7.34	2.00
Margate	10.01	3.06	10.10	3.06
Milford Haven	4.03	5.01	4.41	5.02
Newquay	3.00	5.02	3.37	5.03
Oban	4.36	3.00	4.42	3.00
Penzance	1.50	4.02	2.49	4.01
Portland	4.02	1.03	5.33	1.03
Portsmouth	9.18	3.05	10.07	3.07
Shoreham	8.57	4.05	9.39	4.09
Southampton	8.53	3.05	9.45	3.07
Swansea	3.50	6.09	4.36	7.00
Tees	1.35	4.00	1.52	4.02
W'ton-on-Nze	9.40	3.03	9.58	3.07

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.6	-	9	48	cloudy
Lowestoft	5.5	0.01	10	50	bright
Southend	-	-	11	52	sunny
Folkestone	6.5	-	12	54	sunny
Eastbourne	7.3	-	11	52	sunny
Brighton	6.0	-	11	52	bright
Sandown	8.8	0.0	12	54	sunny
Bournemth	9.2	0.02	13	55	hail
Weymouth	9.0	0.01	11	52	sunny
Teignmouth	10.5	0.08	12	54	sunny
Torquay	10.3	0.05	12	54	sunny
Penzance	9.8	0.14	11	52	sunny
Scilly Isles	9.5	0.04	11	52	sunny
Jersey	8.4	0.22	12	54	sunny
Guernsey	8.0	0.01	-	-	sunny
Newquay	9.8	0.04	12	54	sunny
Ilfracombe	-	-	10	50	sunny
Minehead	10.1	0.03	10	50	sunny
Morecambe	0.0	0.06	8	46	shower
Douglas	-	0.01	9	48	shower
Carlisle	0.0	0.08	8	46	shower
Nottingham	3.0	0.09	10	50	cloudy
Anglesey	8.4	0.01	12	54	sunny
Tenby	9.8	0.0	11	52	sunny
Aberdeen	2.4	0.12	8	46	shower
Eskdalemuir	2.9	0.11	8	46	shower
Kinloss	0.1	0.21	8	46	shower
Lerwick	0.0	0.27	6	43	shower
Prestwick	0.0	0.22	9	48	shower
Stornoway	3.0	0.46	9	48	shower
Tiree	6.7	0.38	10	50	hail
Wick	2.8	0.07	8	46	bright

* Denotes figures not available
These are Saturday's figures

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.575	2.435
Austria Sch	22.40	21.30
Belgium Fr	66.90	63.60
Canada $	2.37	2.25
Denmark Kr	12.22	12.62
Finland Mkk	7.72	7.32
France Fr	10.78	10.28
Germany Dm	3.19	3.03
Greece Dr	250	239
Hong Kong $	14.82	14.07
Ireland Pt	1.196	1.138
Italy Lira	2355	2245
Japan Yen	240	228
Netherlands Gld	3.575	3.405
Norway Kr	12.00	11.40
Portugal Esc	260	247
South Africa Rd	4.40	3.80
Spain Pta	212	201
Sweden Kr	11.28	10.73
Switzerland Fr	2.635	2.505
USA $	1.91	1.82
Yugoslavia Dnr	2870	2270

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC.
London: The FT Index closed down 13.3 at 1408.3.
New York: The Dow Jones Industrial average closed down 44.92 at 1978.95.

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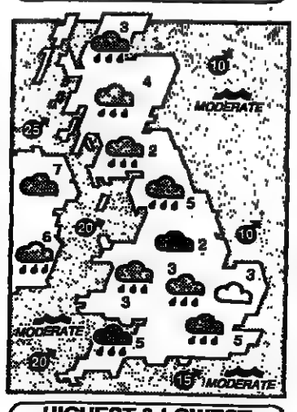

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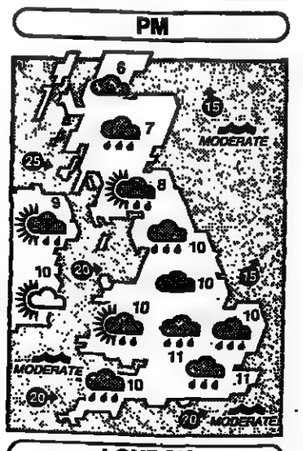

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LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 7.58 pm to 6.13 am
Bristol 8.07 pm to 6.22 am
Edinburgh 6.13 pm to 6.21 am
Manchester 8.07 pm to 6.19 am
Penzance 8.18 pm to 6.35 am

Sun rises: 6.45 am — Sun sets: 7.28 pm
Moon sets: 5.29 am — Moon rises: 2.04 pm
full moon April 2

LONDON

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Blackpool	9	48	s	Jersey	11	52	s
Bristol	11	52	f	London	11	52	c
Cardiff	11	52	f	M'nchster	9	48	f
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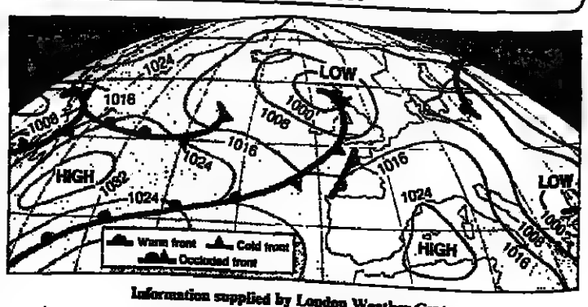

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David Brewerton

STOCK MARKET
(Change on week)

FT 30 Share
1408.3 (–68.5)

FT-SE 100
1767.9 (–87.6)

Bargains
31584 (40559)

USM (Datastream)
148.39 (–2.69)

THE POUND
(Change on week)

US dollar
1.8360 (+0.0135)

W German mark
3.0771 (–0.0084)

Trade-weighted
76.7 (–0.2)

CBI forecasts strong growth

Manufacturing output likely to rise by 5.5%

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry, in its post-Budget forecast for the economy, predicts strong growth in manufacturing output for the next two years and a sharp increase in investment.

Its bullish forecast for the economy is supported by the monthly trends survey for the economy, also published today, which shows strong order books despite sterling's rise, and expectations of rapid output growth over the next four months.

But Sir David Nickson, the CBI president, said the optimistic picture of industry's prospects should not be interpreted as overheating in the economy.

"These results show that the momentum of economic recovery is being maintained," he said. "It would be a mistake, however, for City pundits to discern signs of overheating. The continued severity of competition both in home and export markets is reflected in the weakening of expectations of price increases and both output and stock levels are keeping up with demand."

The monthly trends survey, conducted among 1,549 companies between February 26 and March 16, showed the pound's rise had little effect so far on export order books.

Export order books were above normal for 28 per cent of companies and below normal for 17 per cent, giving a balance of 11 per cent. This was in line with the balance of 12 per cent recorded in the February survey.

Although the CBI has backed the Chancellor's policy of holding sterling steady against the European currencies, officials conceded that non-price factors were also very important in determining export performance.

The healthy picture for exports contrasts with the weaknesses displayed in the latest official trade figures, for February, published on Friday.

The balance of companies reporting total order books above normal was 20 per cent, the same as in January and February, and equalling the best figure since this question was first asked in the CBI's monthly surveys, in April 1977.

Other survey responses showed the second-highest expectations on record for output growth over the next four months, and the smallest expected increase in prices since October last year.

The main feature of the CBI's new forecast, taking into account the Budget changes, is the prediction of a strong increase in investment.

In an overall investment rise of 10.8 per cent, manufacturing investment will increase by 9.8 per cent, the forecast says – the best result since 1985 when investment was artificially boosted by the phasing-out of capital allowances.

Manufacturing output is forecast to rise by 5.5 per cent this year, close to last year's result, within an increase in output for the whole economy of 3.3 per cent, slightly higher than the Treasury's 3 per cent growth forecast.

Perhaps as importantly, the CBI sees this strong recovery in manufacturing output being maintained into next year, when a 4 per cent rise is forecast, within overall economic growth of 2.3 per cent.

But unemployment, after dropping to 2.5 million by the end of this year, is forecast to rise to 2.7 million by the end of 1989.

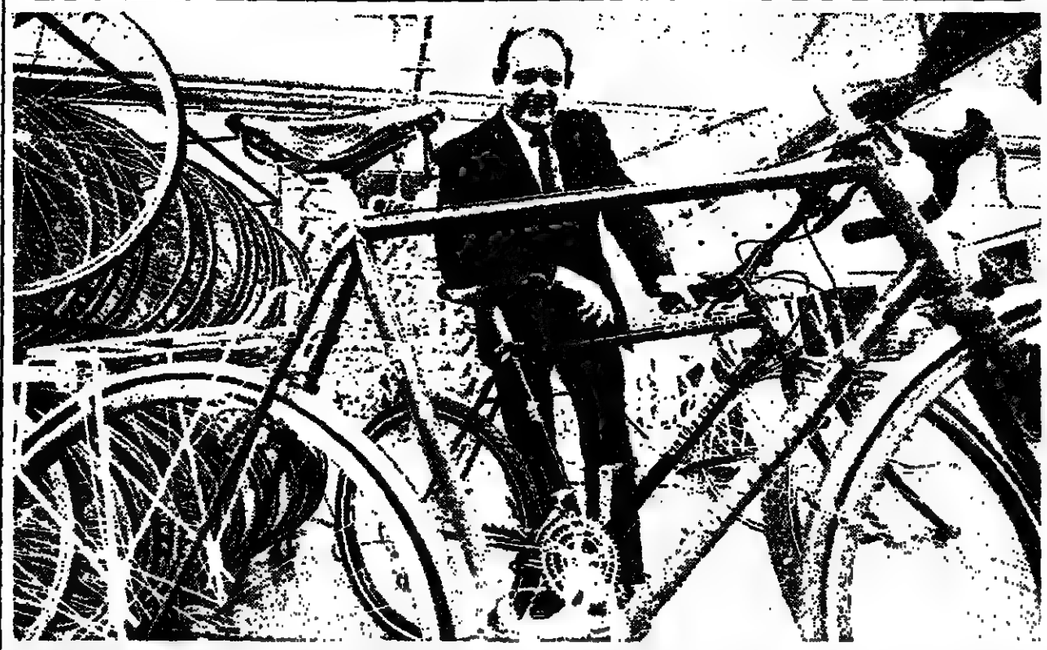
The CBI's economists see little danger from higher inflation, which is forecast to average 3.8 per cent this year and 3.6 per cent next, despite average earnings growth of 8 per cent this year, tailing off slightly to 7.5 per cent next.

IMF lifts G7 estimates

Washington (Reuter) – The economies of the Group of Seven countries should grow by 2.6 per cent this year and by 2.8 per cent next, according to International Monetary Fund economists.

The IMF forecast for 1988 is the same as that made last September and slightly higher than an interim assessment made after October's stock market crash. After the crash, the IMF shaved its forecast to 2.5 per cent.

Fashion bicycles put Falcon on road to success



The Princess of Wales goes to Brigg, in Humberside, tomorrow to open a £1 million factory extension for Falcon Cycles, Britain's second-largest bicycle maker, which is part of the Elswick group. She will be given bicycles for Prince William and Prince Henry, which have been specially made, a cross between a BMX machine and that most recent fashion, the chunky go-anywhere mountain bike. And she will hear how these fashion machines have helped Falcon not only to turn from losses into profits but boost production. Falcon has almost doubled its workforce in the past 12 months to 235 with another 25 due to be taken on soon. Mr Norman Court, the managing director of Falcon, pictured, claims it is among the most profitable of Britain's bicycle makers. (Photograph by Chris Harris)

DTI asked to look at UniChem profits

By Cliff Feltham

The Department of Trade and Industry has been asked to look into the results of an investigation by Price Waterhouse, the accountant, which alleged that UniChem, the pharmaceutical wholesaler fighting a takeover bid by its rival Macarthy, had been overstating its profits.

The bid battle between the companies is bound to reach a new peak of acrimony after the latest allegations. Last night Mr Malcolm Baggott, finance director for Macarthy, said: "We think it only right that the DTI should look at the findings of this report by Price Waterhouse."

Price Waterhouse claimed that if UniChem were a quoted company – which it aims to become – rather than a friendly society, its 1987 pretax profit of £7.8 million would be £2.7 million lower, while the forecast for the current year would have been £8.8 million and not £12 million, implying an overstatement of 36 per cent.

Macarthy asked Price Waterhouse to carry out an independent investigation after UniChem published its recent defence to the £65 million bid. Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, acting as adviser to UniChem, had placed a £100 million valuation on the company.

Mr Nicholas Ward, chairman of Macarthy, said: "Phillips & Drew's valuation of UniChem is on an 'if quoted' basis; how can you believe this forecast when it is based on a profit level substantially above that which UniChem could forecast if it was a quoted company.

"Based on the profits it could report as a quoted company, the value of UniChem if it was quoted today would be significantly less than Macarthy's £65 million proposed offer."

Price Waterhouse's report also claims to have identified other areas in which it believes the UniChem defence document is unsound.

Macarthy is trying to get support from the 4,200 independent chemists which own UniChem to hold a special meeting at which it plans to outline its takeover proposals.

UniChem shook up the £1.6 billion pharmaceutical industry earlier this year – and prompted the bid from Macarthy – when it announced plans to offer shares to new customers in the run-up to a stock market flotation in 1990.

US NOTEBOOK

Stability of dollar hanging on frail hopes

From Maxwell Newton
New York

The US dollar which has been under severe pressure since mid-February now appears to be entering another crisis phase.

The ultimate recipient of the shock waves being generated in the currency markets will be the US stock market.

But meantime, it is the bond market that is being hurt. Cash bonds have now fallen nearly 5 per cent from their early February peak.

Most worrying is the continued strength of US consumption spending, which in January-February this year was still rising at an annual rate of about 3 per cent in real terms.

Also of considerable concern is the emerging pattern of Federal Reserve policy in 1988. So far this year, money M2 has risen much more strongly than in 1987.

Between December and March M2 rose 8 per cent a year, more than twice the average 1987 growth rate and about twice as fast as inflation. In 1987, "real" M2 actually fell slightly.

In the same December-March period the St Louis Fed Adjusted Monetary Base (bank's reserves plus currency) rose 9 per cent a year, almost 50 per cent faster than the average growth rate for this important monetary variable in 1987.

Inflation worries

A question now being asked is: "Were all the early fears about Alan Greenspan (the Fed chairman) right? Is he really going to inflate the US system in 1988 to protect the failing US banking system and to protect the Republican Party?"

Mr Greenspan has not only very serious problems with the White House to cope with. He also has cracks in the US banking system opening up under his feet. These will be papered over with government money but the cost to the whole system in depleted financial control mounts.

As worries about inflation and excessive US economic expansion once again resurface to horrify the currency markets, there is acute interest in the factual basis, if any, of remarks made by Ms Martha Seger, the Fed governor who is a protege of Mr Paul McCracken, the former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers under President Nixon.

GNP forecasts

In what had all the marks of a "set-up," Ms Seger told Dow Jones last Tuesday she believed the first-quarter GNP was contracting at an annual rate of more than 1 per cent per annum.

She was commenting on the fall of durable goods orders in February.

Ms Seger has been a persistent and often public critic of the 1987 Federal Reserve policy of holding "real" money growth to zero.

At this time she would already have available to her the Fed's internal forecasts of the first-quarter GNP.

Such are the frail threads upon which hopes for stability of the dollar are being hung.

With the US trade deficit in January still running at an annual rate of about $150 billion, the "Spirit of the Louvre" is going to be sorely tried.

American economic progress remains desperately dependent on the good will of foreign central banks.

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Final throes of US trade battle

From Bailey Morris, Washington

US House and Senate negotiators today embark on a negotiating marathon to complete by Friday a comprehensive trade bill which will have far-reaching effects on America's economic relations with its primary trading partners.

Completion of the negotiations coincides with the deadlines for settlement of serious disputes with Japan – which could make this the most significant week for trade of the Reagan Administration.

The 1,000 page bill, drafted over three years, reflected sharp national divisions over how to cope with the huge $170 billion (£94 billion) US trade deficit and the growing tide of foreign investment.

Opinion polls have revealed hostility among voters towards what is perceived as the "buying of America" by foreign investors.

The bill reflects this growing national concern. It contains a highly controversial provision, opposed by the Reagan Administration, requiring foreign investors to disclose their holdings of 5 per cent or more of US businesses and real estate property valued at more than $5 million. The disclosures would also affect holdings of 5 per cent or more of an entity with annual sales in excess of $10 million.

President Reagan strongly opposed the amendment submitted by Congressman John Bryant of Texas, on grounds that it would discourage badly-needed foreign capital, invite retaliation, and send the wrong signal to US trading partners.

But supporters of the amendment say it is only a matter of time before this provision, or something similar, is passed to prevent the US from being bought up by foreign competitors.

To counter the growing support for curbs on foreign investment, the Administration reluctantly agreed to support another amendment which would give the President powers to block foreign acquisitions that threaten "the national security, essential commerce, and US economic welfare."

Administration officials hoped that by agreeing to this provision they would be able to defeat the Bryant amendment. Mr Reagan said he could support the foreign acquisition amendment because it did not require mandatory economic sanctions. But other provisions do require retaliation.

Still unresolved is the state of the controversial amendment proposed by Congressman Richard Gephardt, a Democratic presidential candidate, which would require US retaliation against nations that maintain persistent trade surpluses with the US.

Sime Darby to pay £9.9m for stake in H&C

Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) – Sime Darby, the Malaysian conglomerate, will acquire 9.93 million shares of £1 each in Harrisons & Crosfield, the British company, from Permodalan Nasional, the Malaysian state-owned group.

"The acquisition, which represents 7.2 per cent of the paid-up capital of H&C, will be an opportunity for Sime to acquire a significant stake in a listed company for long-term investment," the group said.

The purchase will be paid for by an issue of 109.19 million new Sime Darby shares of 50 sen (or 0.5 ringgit) each to be credited as fully-paid to Permodalan Nasional.

Saudis poised to sell 15% stake in TV-am

By Our City Staff

The sale of the controversial Saudi Arabian stake in TV-am is expected shortly. This should lift the cloud hanging over TV-am, which was ordered by the Independent Broadcasting Authority to sort out the affair or face closure.

The 15 per cent stake – held through Aitken Communications, which is in turn controlled by Beaverbrook Investments – has to be brought down to 10 per cent to comply with IBA rules.

Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, has been organizing an auction of the stake, which is being strongly tipped to go to Quantum Fund, the offshore mutual fund run by Mr George Soros, the Wall Street investor.

He owns a 6.7 per cent stake in TV-am and so the acquisition of the holding would take him above 20 per cent. He would therefore have to find buyers for about 12 per cent to remain within the ownership limits set by the IBA on non-EEC holders.

However, there is understood to have been considerable interest in purchasing the Beaverbrook Investments holding and buyers could probably be found.

TV-am hopes the unravelling of the shareholding will help to restore City confidence

Japanese hint they will accept ruling by Gatt

From David Watts, Tokyo

The Japanese government has hinted that it will accept the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade ruling on semiconductor pricing.

The hint came on the eve of working-level talks between Britain and Japan which open in London today.

The bilateral Japanese-American semiconductor agreement has caused a shortage of chips in Britain and forced up prices, resulting in a Gatt ruling last week that the agreement breaches its trade rules.

The Japanese Minister of International Trade and Industry, Mr Hajime Tamura, has said his government will study how to respond to the Gatt ruling "while paying due respect to the principles of Gatt," an oblique way of saying that Japan is likely to abide by the ruling and consider at least the partial abolition of the semiconductor agreement.

Today's talks opening in London are the first of a series of working-level conferences set up as a result of the recent visit to Japan by Lord Young of Graffham, the Trade Secretary.

Chancellor and Bank chief unite on policy

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England will attempt to present a united front on exchange rate policy to MPs this week, following the Downing Street "summit" on Friday.

But MPs on the all-party Treasury and Civil Service Committee will attempt to pin them down on the precise circumstances in which interest rates and intervention will be used to influence the exchange rate.

The Downing Street meeting between the Prime Minister, the Governor and the Chancellor on Friday affirmed the more flexible approach to the exchange rates.

This approach has ruled out prolonged intervention in the currency markets, while allowing it as a short-term tactic to surprise the markets. It also permits interest rate changes, but not to keep sterling above or below certain fixed points.

Neither the Governor, who gives evidence to the Treasury committee this evening, nor the Chancellor, who will appear on Wednesday, is likely to be drawn on specific ranges for sterling against the mark or other currencies.

USM REVIEW

Auction firm gears up for float

By Carol Leonard

Britain's largest independent motor auction company plans to float on the Unlisted Securities Market next month.

Based in Morley, Leeds, most of Central Motor Auctions' business comes from the sale of fleet vehicles, with rental and leasing firms, manufacturers and local authorities among its list of regular vendors.

Last year it handled the sale of about 150,000 cars, vans and heavy commercial vehicles from its nine auction centres in various parts of the country, producing pretax profits of £743,000.

The company is run by Mr Chris Wright, the managing director, and the Leeds office of Rensburg, the broker, is advising on the issue.

Meanwhile, back on the USM last week, Chancery Securities, the merchant banking and financial services group, was busy preparing for its 10th anniversary next month.

In celebratory mood, Mr Brian Rubins, the managing director and founder of the company, delivered a bullish message, saying the anniversary would be marked by a "record level of inquiries and firm commitments in hand."

To ensure that his prediction is fulfilled, Chancery is expected to unveil details of a new property financing deal today, providing £7.35 million through a syndicated loan for a Jersey-based property development company, Saxet.

Chancery is the lead lender in the deal – and manager of a syndicate of five banks – with the money being used to finance the Harlequin Centre at Heston, near Heathrow. The Harlequin Centre is a joint venture between Saxet and Clayform and consists of three buildings – totalling more than 81,000 sq ft – for high-tech or office use. More than 80 per cent of the space has already been let, or terms agreed.

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This loan transaction brings the total value of loans arranged by Chancery during the past year to more than £100 million, with fee income doubling to £1.5 million.

Shares in Ashtead, the plant hire group, held up well in last week's turbulent markets, despite a vendor placing of 572,500 new shares at 425p on Friday – raising £24 million gross. Of the cash raised, £1.7 million is being used to buy Power Products and Beaver Plant, a non-operated plant-hire business based in Kilmarnock, Scotland.

Power has three depots in Scotland, bringing Ashtead's total number to five.

"We are delighted with the deal," says Mr Peter Lewis, the chairman. "Power employs 125 people for a turnover of £3 million while we employ 120 for a £5 million turnover – so we don't think it will be too difficult to make it more efficient.

"Apart from making it more efficient, we plan to improve margins by increasing prices – its prices are a lot lower than ours – and to widen its product range."

Power has warranted net assets of £952,000 but Mr Lewis says an independent valuation of the three freehold sites has indicated additional assets of £246,000.

The deal has reduced Ashtead's gearing to below 50 per cent and increased its capitalization to almost £33 million. The balance of the money raised will be used to fund future acquisitions and there may well be news of another similar-sized deal within the next few months.

DIAMOND SERVICE

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THE MOST WEEKDAY FLIGHTS BETWEEN HEATHROW AND AMSTERDAM.

BRITISH MIDLAND

ANALYSIS

Clash of cultures at unit trusts could stifle investors' choice

Managements that fail to perform in their chosen business are likely to face a takeover. That has become a cliché of the fund managers, who usually decide the fate of takeover bids. When it comes to their own industry, however, things seem to be different.

The two famous unit trust companies now facing the threat of takeover — M&G and Framlington — have a particularly good reputation for performing for their unitholders. And they have produced remarkably good profits for their shareholders in the process, at least until the stock market crash.

That has blighted the fast-growing unit trust business in the short term. Looking further ahead, fund managers catering for individual investors should have a rosy future, boosted by the rapid growth of individual share ownership, which, alongside schemes such as personal equity plans, will help rather than compete with funds. Personal pensions open up new potential for growth.

But will the future be bright if "independence" comes to mean uncertainty for investors over who will actually be managing their money in a few years' time?

The City revolution, in its broadest sense, was bound to bring new challenges for the fund managers even before the stock market crash. The Financial Services Act, for instance, forced the separation of care of investors' money from other securities business and led to Mercury Fund Managers being hived off as a new independent, albeit 75 per cent owned by SG Warburg.

The Act brought a nasty surprise to the Charlotte Square investment trust manager, Ivory & Sime, which had to raise £6 million to meet new capital and liquidity requirements, resulting in the Japanese Sumitomo Life taking a large minority stake.

The crash itself has been cruel on the independents. Henderson Administration, an outstanding winner in the competition for new business, confidently built the technical overheads for expansion at the wrong moment.

But the battle over the futures of Framlington and M&G stems rather from a clash of cultures: between those who see fund management purely as an exercise in picking portfolios (and keeping overheads spartan) and those who see it as intimately connected with other forms of corporate activity.

M&G is being stalked principally by Mr Alan Bond, the British-born Australian financier of the corporate raider school. M&G is the greatest exponent of the arm's length approach. It takes big long-term stakes in companies but tends to resist rather than promote takeover bids.

At Framlington, the clash of cultures is inside the boardroom. The Framlington faction, which admires M&G, is trying to preserve this culture, and control of its operations, by tying up with a third party.

The Throgmorton faction, brought in with the purchase of the company managing the £400 million Throgmorton group of investment trusts, has managed these trusts on the different principle of doing corporate deals, with equal profit for its investment clients. Reversing its fund management company into Framlington was a financially successful example.

Seeing the recruitment of a new partner as losing rather than safeguarding independence, it has used the trust it manages to bid for the whole of Framlington. That is a classic example of the approach it favours but the Framlington culture rejects.

There is no easy solution and the two cultures may have to be divorced again.

The clash of cultures is nothing new. In former times, merchant banks saw funds under management as giving them share-placing power which aided their ability to do deals and raise money for corporate clients.

The new rules do not allow that. But control of funds is now a tool of power in the game of corporate manoeuvring and takeovers, in which, it should be said, investment clients can make good short-term profits.

There are many grey areas. Lord Stevens (an active takeover magnate through his chairmanship of United Newspapers) used funds managed by his MIM, in conjunction with Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher and part-time arbitrageur, to frustrate an unwanted takeover bid for Britannia Arrow from Guinness Peat.

MIM was later bought by Britannia Arrow. Yet MIM clients made a good profit on their Britannia Arrow shares — until the crash.

Funds managed by Britannia and GT Management's own funds have hindered bids for investment trusts they also manage — a practice honoured by time. In such cases, it can be argued that the trusts were undervalued.

Yet the investment records of M&G and Framlington show that the "pure" portfolio approach can produce outstanding results, not least by being single-minded in its aims. Private investors should have the choice.

Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

	Share price	Fall since Oct 19	Funds Mngd (£bn)	Year To	Profits (£m)	Forecast (£m)
Britannia Arrow	100p	50%	15.8	Dec 1987	41.8	30
Edinburgh Fd Man	198p	41%	1.0	Jan 1988	5.6	4.5
Framlington Gp	194p	23%	1.5	Jun 1987	6.5	4.9
GT Management	175p	49%	3.0	Mar 1987	13.0	12.7
Henderson Admin	660p	60%	7.2	Mar 1987	26.4	22.0
Ivory & Sime	130p	47%	2.2	Apr 1987	3.5	3.1
M & G Group	395p	14%	4.2	Sep 1987	23.3	22.0
Mercury Asset Man	340p	41%	21.0	Mar 1987	22.8	38.0
Perpetual	113p	53%	0.5	Sep 1987	5.5	4.0
Templeton Gp	120p	54%	5.8	Dec 1987	$52.1	$48.0

How the stock market crash hurt the fund managers

Shares of companies that manage other people's investments boomed in last year's bull market. On the last trading day before the October 19 crash, they reached a peak, on average 55 per cent higher than a year before.

In the succeeding 10 weeks, they plummeted an average 50 per cent — the worst performing sector. With the exception of M&G, the target of predators, and Framlington, which received a bid last week, they remain unloved. And the slump is as logical as the boom.

Fund managers draw their fees mainly as a percentage of the value of funds, so fee income automatically rises and falls with the share index, given individual differences in performance.

Managing unit trusts is, in normal times, much more profitable than, say, managing pension funds. The table shows spectacular variations in the profits of the leading independent groups compared with the size of the funds they manage (inevitably an estimate in fast-moving times). In the boom times, M&G made a similar profit to the SG Warburg offshoot Mercury Asset Management on only a fifth of the funds.

Sales of units make profits on initial charges, and there are "box" profits to be made in good markets by creating units prior to sale and holding units redeemed by investors for resale.

Annual fees for managing unit trusts have also risen to 1 or even 1.5 per cent, while competition since Big Bang has driven pension fund fees down from 0.3 to 0.2 per cent.

When markets are falling and when unit trust sales fall sharply from their peak, this arithmetic goes into reverse. Framlington, for instance was left holding £2 million of units, mainly for the launch of a new fund, when the market crashed.

But pension fund business is more stable. So was managing investment trusts until outsiders started making takeover bids for them.

Forecasts prepared by CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, which follows the sector closely, suggest that profits will fall sharply in some cases unless the bear market is swiftly reversed.

GILT-EDGED

Market looks poised for a pleasant awakening from its dreamy state

The gilt market presents at the moment an extraordinarily placid surface to the prospective investor.

Although we have had ample dramatic news on the financial and economic front during the past month, the long end of the gilt market seems to be in a kind of dream, with long gilt futures stuck around the 122 level.

This seems very surprising considering what has happened to the fundamentals for the market over the past month. We have had Mr Lawson's Budget statement, which, apart from its general interest for the market, contained a target for public sector debt repayment of £3 billion. And we have had a one-half per cent fall in base rates.

Even more significantly, we have also had what looks like an important change in emphasis in government policy towards sterling, with the decision to allow the currency to float up against the mark. However, a clue to the inactivity of long gilts in the face of these three evidently bullish events is to be found in the incredible confusion that now surrounds official policy towards sterling.

If the market knew which of the two variants of government policy for the currency would prevail — either floating relatively freely against the mark, or being held in some sort of band — then it would know what to do next. In practice, the market appears transfixed by doubt about what is going on. Under the surface, though, it does seem that things are increasingly moving in the gilt market's favour.

Although the authorities still wish to "maintain stability" against the mark, less resistance than hitherto will be offered to the forex market should it wish to push the pound up.

This will avoid repeating the harm to domestic monetary conditions caused by the flood of money into the UK in 1987-88, and lessen the need for gilt funding to finance the resulting rise in the official reserves.

At the same time, if sterling were to fall much below its previous floor at about DM2.96, it would be possible to intervene quite strongly to prevent it falling further. (This is presumably what is meant when the Government states that the currency would not be allowed to fall to bail British industry out of its own mistakes.)

The rise in the reserves means there is plenty of fire power to do this should the need arise.

If this is what the policy now is — or, if it has not been thought through as explicitly as stated here, what it turns out to be — then there is quite a lot to be said in favour of it. Certainly, it is much more sensible than many commentators have allowed.

It does, in practice, represent a modest tightening of monetary conditions in the UK, especially if the forex markets continue to push sterling up. A moderate further rise in the currency would help to reduce inflation, and would squeeze wages and profits slightly, thereby stilling fears of overheating.

So although things now do depend rather more on uncertain currency movements, the net effect on the gilt market of the change in policy should be favourable. If forex intervention against sterling is relatively low in 1988-89, there will be substantial net repayments of gilts.

At the same time, current real yields on long gilts look very high on an international comparison.

These considerations suggest that the gilt market is, in the medium term, ripe for a further rise — we just need something to stimulate the market out of its lethargy. It seems to me that there are two possible candidates for the stimulus.

The first is a relatively sustained rise in sterling. Although there has been some evidence of profit-taking by overseas investors in gilts recently, there is also equally strong evidence that others are beginning to invest more heavily in sterling and gilts.

Since overseas investors have largely made the running in gilts since Big Bang, and have largely got the market right, the market is likely to be very strongly influenced by what they do. A rise in sterling that looked sustainable would act as a stimulus to net buying from this source.

A second possibility is a revival of the "diversification argument". At the time of the equity crash in October, I tended to argue that institutions would boost their purchases of gilts in an attempt to diversify away from equities. While this has happened to a certain extent, an even stronger tendency has been to allow cash to build up.

Confidence in the equity market is still very fragile, as Thursday's sharp fall in London and New York demonstrated. We would need only a further fall on that scale to boost interest in bonds considerably.

Provided that the Government does not spoil things by foreign exchange intervention on the scale of the financial year just ending, the overall background for gilts is very favourable. The next break in gilts should be on the upside and could be surprisingly strong.

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CEGB to canvass staff about sell-off

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Staff at the Central Electricity Generating Board are to take part in a detailed survey about their attitude to the Government's privatization plans for the industry.

The CEGB is to be split into two separate generating units. One will control 70 per cent of the existing network of power stations, including all the nuclear power stations, and the other will have a mix of oil and coal-fired stations. The most far-reaching proposal, and the one which the CEGB senior management is still opposed to, is the transfer of the national grid to a holding company which will be owned by the 12 individual area electricity boards which are to be privatized separately.

The Government proposals still have to pass through Parliament, and the Commons Energy Select Committee is preparing a report on how it thinks the industry should be privatized.

The postal survey will be of a randomly selected 4,000 of the CEGB's 80,000 staff. Replies to the questionnaires, which will be sent out in the next few weeks, will be confidential.

The result will be analysed by the CEGB's communications consultants who have been appointed to advise the organization during the privatization period. The results will be made available to the trade unions.

Mr Ray Hall, corporate director for personnel at the CEGB, said: "The Government proposals for privatization will clearly mean major structural changes. In our discussions with the Government about the implementation of them it is important that we know for sure what issues are of particular concern to staff. The survey will help give us this information.

TNT Ipec buys SAS subsidiary

By Our Industrial Editor

SAS, the Scandinavian airline operator, has sold Air De Cologne, its express parcels subsidiary, to TNT Ipec, the European express freight subsidiary of Australian-based TNT.

The deal, the value of which has not been disclosed, gives TNT Ipec a substantial slice of the Scandinavian express freight market which has been dominated by Air De Cologne.

TNT Ipec will become the market leader in express freighting of parcels by road and air in Europe.

TNT is taking on the 185 people employed at Air De Cologne, 40 in Britain.

● In a £7 million distribution deal Alpine Refrigerated Distribution is to operate on a centralized basis frozen food deliveries for William Morrison, the North of England supermarket chain. ARD is part of NFC Distribution Group.

China proposes to open secondary bond market

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

China plans to open a secondary bond market and a free trading foreign exchange market this year.

Mr Wang Bingqian, the minister of finance, said in his budget address over the weekend that China was expecting an increase in revenues from treasury bonds to 9 billion yuan (£1.25 billion) this year, up from 6 billion yuan in 1987.

He told the National People's Congress, China's parliament, that a secondary bond market is to be set up to increase the popularity of bonds issued in China.

This means Chinese government and commercial bonds will be allowed to circulate on the open market for the first time.

The value of bonds issued in China last year reached 64.13 billion yuan, with the treasury bonds of the central government accounting for more than half.

The government started issuing bonds in 1981 to cover its budget deficits and for investment in energy, transport and communications projects. It began redeeming the bonds in 1986, and about 1.7 billion yuan worth of treasury bonds have been repaid.

According to statistics supplied by the New China News Agency, state enterprises last year issued 2.26 billion yuan worth of bonds; other enterprises 12.74 billion and banks 8.5 billion.

Mr Wu Shutong, the chief executive of the Guangdong International Trust and Investment Corp, the finance and investment arm of Guangdong province, said Peking's commitment to a secondary bond market was a big step towards modernizing China's economy.

Mr Wu said a secondary market would enable the government to have more control over money supply in the economy. He said the province was also planning to open a foreign exchange market where currency prices would be set by market demand rather than by the Bank of China.

● **Peking (Reuter)** — China expects economic growth of 7.5 per cent this year, slowing from 9.4 per cent in 1987, Mr Yao Yilin, the vice premier, told the National People's Congress. He said industrial output would rise by 8 per cent compared with 16.5 per cent last year. Mr Yao did not explain the slower growth but China has been trying to halt mounting inflation by keeping state spending in check.

Meanwhile, Mr Wang proposed a 1988 budget deficit of 8 billion yuan against an estimated deficit of 8.029 billion in 1987.

High-pressure gas pipeline go-ahead

By Our Energy Correspondent

Planning approval is about to be given for a high-pressure gas pipeline that will allow natural gas liquids from the new Alwyn North Field in the North Sea to be piped into the existing gas processing system built to handle gas from the BP Forties field.

The Alwyn North field, operated by Total and Elf, is due to be inaugurated next month by the Prince of Wales. Gas liquids from the field will be piped ashore to the St Fergus terminal near Peterhead.

Planning permission will be followed by approval from the Deparment of Energy for the project.

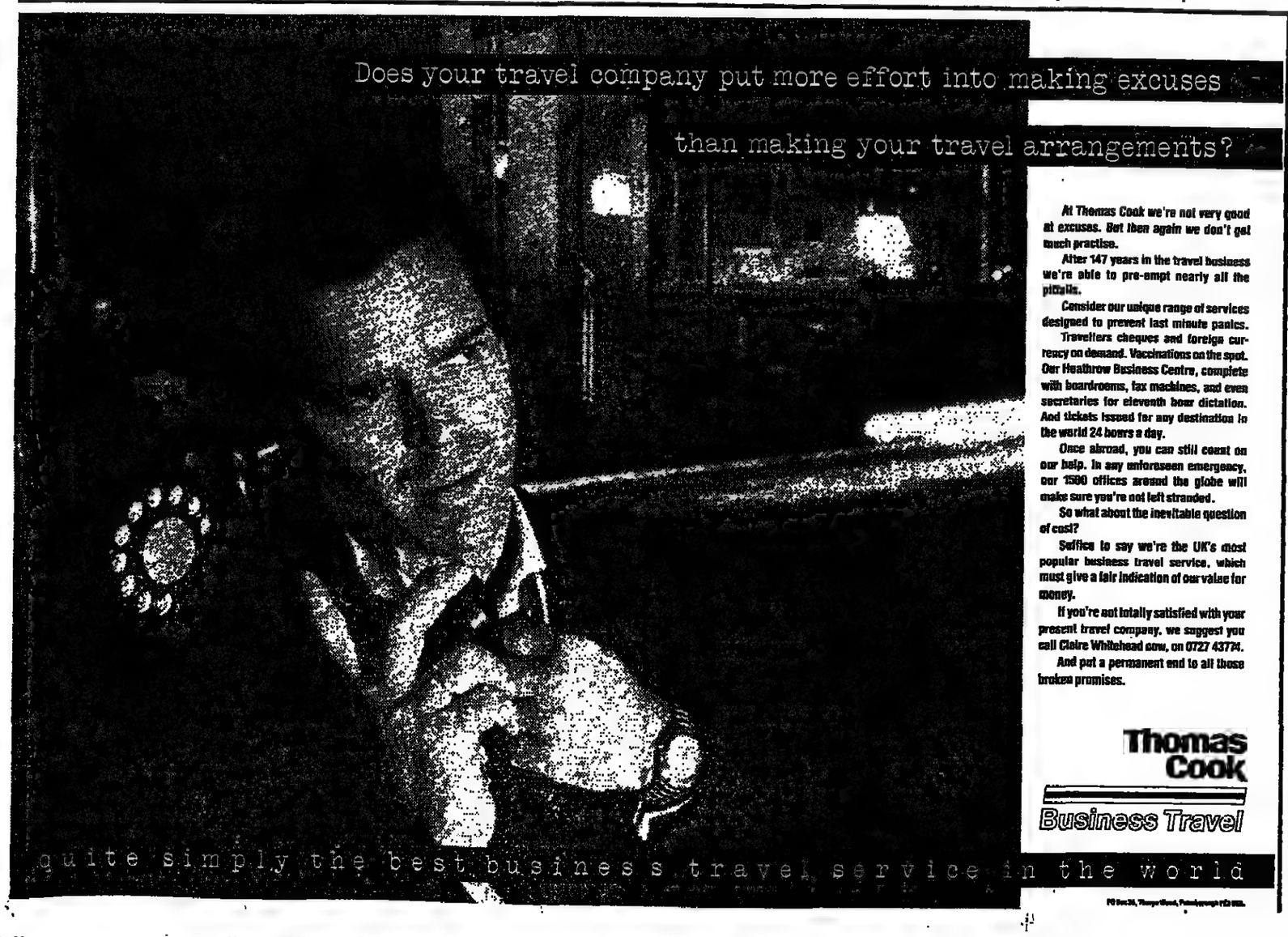
The 25-kilometre line will take the gas liquids south to join the existing BP Forties link at Cruden Bay, north of Aberdeen.

The pipeline will cost about £14 million and will provide 50 jobs during the construction phase. Initially the pipeline will carry 6,000 barrels a day of gas liquids, but it has a design capacity to handle 80,000 barrels a day.

● BP Chemicals International has made a breakthrough into the Japanese market by reaching a multi-million licensing agreement with Ube Industries to use BP technology in a new linear polyethylene plant.

Work is due to start on a new plant at Ube Industries chemicals complex at Chiba. Mr Yasuo Shimizu, president of Ube Industries, said: "Ube Industries have evaluated a number of technologies and concluded that the BP process will enable us to meet the future needs of the market in Japan for quality products."

Mr Ray Knowland, BPCI chief executive said: "This agreement marks a further important step in the co-operation between our companies, which has existed now for the past 20 years.



Moscow may seek quotations on Helsinki bourse

By Colin Narbrough

Moscow is seriously considering listing Soviet-owned companies on the Helsinki bourse in Finland.

The idea shows that the reformist leadership of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov is prepared to tackle even the most profound Soviet inhibitions about the capitalist system.

The possibility of the Soviet Union seeking market flotations was revealed by Mr Vladimir Safranov, a senior diplomat and representative in Finland of the Soviet Foreign Trade Commission.

In the Finnish business newspaper, *Kauppalehti*, he said that coming to the stock market was included in plans for developing foreign trade.

But Mr Matti Mäenpää, the chief executive of the Helsinki bourse, which has been trading for 75 years and doubled its turnover last year, has not yet received any Soviet applications for listing, nor is he expecting any in the immediate future.

"Theoretically, there are no reasons why Soviet-owned companies cannot be listed," he told *The Times*. "But it won't be easy to make them attractive to the investor."

Helsinki stock market rules are certainly not very onerous. About all a Finnish-registered company needs to qualify for a listing is FM5 million (£677,000) of share capital, FM10 million total equity and at least 700 shareholders.

There is already a modest foreign presence on the bourse. Ford's local subsidiary is quoted, as are Asea and Aga, the Swedish industrial combines. In neutral Finland, a few Soviet companies might provide a welcome balance.

Candidates for eventual flotation are meanwhile readily available, as the Soviet Union owns several sizeable companies in Finland, primarily for importing and distributing Soviet oil, Lada cars and machinery.

Konela, Teboil, Suomen Petrooli and Koneisto are still unknown names outside Finland, but they could be popular shares eventually, if Moscow's plans are realized.

Floating its businesses in Finland would probably be a forerunner for bigger stock market forays elsehere, helping Moscow find the huge amounts of capital it will need to finance the complete overhaul of the Soviet economy that Mr Gorbachov and his reformers have in mind.

Mr Noel Davison, an analyst with Ernst & Whinney, the business services group with a strong interest in the eastern bloc, sees the Soviet plans as a radical new departure, however ridiculous it might seem at first glance, fitting well with the general thrust of *perestroika*.

Electrolux to invest £17.75m on upgrading three UK plants

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Sweden's Electrolux is planning its biggest-ever investment in Britain, with an initial £17.75 million being spent on upgrading and expansion at three key plants.

The move follows a year of assessing the potential of the British operation after the purchase from Thorn EMI of its appliances division with brand names like Tricity, Parkinson Cowan and Bendix.

Electrolux expects to boost British production, especially of vacuum cleaners, microwave cookers and domestic refrigerators.

A second phase of investment is also being considered. "Substantial" investment is likely on cooker production.

Dr Roger Baxter, the managing director of Electrolux in Britain, said: "The investment reflects the group's confidence in the ability of UK manufacturing to become more flexible, responsive and progressive, and capable of producing high quality products at a competitive price."

The Electrolux workforce here — there are about 8,700 employees of whom 5,000 are involved in production of domestic appliances — is expected to remain stable even though new machinery being installed will be more labour-efficient. This is because of the likely offsetting effect of production increases.

The biggest slice of the capital spending is £9.25 million, on the floorcare products factory at Luton, Bedfordshire, over the next 18 months. It produces about 1 million vacuum cleaners a year. Output is expected to rise by a quarter after the installation of new equipment, including robotic assembly, on-line plastic injection moulding machines and automated warehouse and material-handling facilities.

A newly expanded microwave oven facility at Luton is receiving an additional £1.25 million paint plant and automated welding. Luton microwaves will supply the entire European market for Electrolux and production of about 300,000 over the past 12 months is forecast to rise to about 500,000 this year, with about 70 per cent destined for export.

In the North-east, the former Thorn refrigeration factory at Spennymoor is being modernized at a cost of £4.5 million over about 18 months with household refrigerator production having been moved there from Luton. Refrigeration unit output of 500,000 is scheduled to rise to 690,000 a year, with production mainly aimed at the home market.

The remaining £2.75 million of investment is being spent at the Newton Aycliffe plant in County Durham to improve the group's spares and service facilities. The plastic injection moulding line there is now one of the biggest in Europe.

Mr Jimmy James, the chairman and chief executive of Electrolux in Britain, said: "Last year saw dramatic increases in the group's overall activities in the UK and in 1988 we anticipate our turnover will be well in excess of £600 million." This would be up 20 per cent on last year and cover the results of the company's forestry and garden sector interests, including the Flymo lawnmower operation.

The domestic appliances, or white goods, market in Britain expanded by 5 per cent in 1987 but this year, according to Dr Baxter, will be "rather more difficult."

In line for higher turnover: Dr Roger Baxter (left) and Jimmy James (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

ECONOMIC VIEW

Not so much a cut as a kind of reshaping

A fortnight today the famous "Fowler reforms" of social security will begin to take effect. Already voices have been raised pointing to the contrast between tax cuts for the better-off in the Budget and the so-called benefit "cuts" for the poorest.

The truth is that the Government has fallen short of its ambition to such an extent that the reforms will cost money rather than save it. The result of the changes will be to add about £400 million to public spending — a far cry from the large-scale savings once expected.

The reforms are worth having for all that. The increase in public spending will be broadly offset by a reduction in rate relief which will add to tax revenues so there will be little or no effect on public sector borrowing.

The new system will be easier to administer, more predictable in its effects on public spending and will target help more effectively on those who need it most. The gainers will include low-income families, single parents, the sick and the disabled, and poorer pensioners. Among the losers will be the young unemployed and better-off pensioners.

The reforms affect mainly the income-related benefits — newspeak for means-testing — though from the beginning of July there will also be important changes in the contributory benefits with the arrival of the personal pension scheme. Next month's changes affect three benefits: family income supplement (FIS), housing benefit and supplementary benefit.

FIS is designed to supplement the income of those on low incomes in work. It will be replaced by family credit. Because the new benefit will be paid on the basis of income net of tax rather than gross, it will end the possibility of loss of benefit combined with an increase in tax, leaving families actually worse off after a rise in income.

Reduction of the effective marginal rates of tax at this end of the income scale will complement in a small way the cut in rates at the top — though with the top rate in the poverty trap still 97 per cent there is clearly some scope for further improvement.

Housing benefit is currently paid to about a third of all households, which is an absurdly high proportion institutionalizing the principle of subsidy. Two main changes are planned. Benefit will in future be paid up to a maximum of 80 per cent of rates. And the less well-off will get more, because entitlement will not rise so far up the income scale. Administration will be simpler because the present six tapers will be reduced to two, one for rent and one for rates (or later the poll tax).

Supplementary benefit, which unlike FIS is intended to help people who are not in work, will be replaced by income support. The new basic benefit will be higher than the old, but instead of the present Byzantine system of additions for this and extras for that there will be a discretionary social fund which will enable social security officers on the ground to assess real needs more closely.

Apart from being appallingly complicated the present system is both open to abuse and insufficiently flexible to deal with the widely varying circumstances of real life. The social fund is cash-limited, which will improve control in a programme that has regularly exceeded its forecast budget.

The treatment of capital resources will be harmonized for all three benefits. Capital of up to £3,000 will be ignored. Applicants with capital of more than £6,000 will not be eligible. Between £3,000 and £6,000 the state will assume income of £1 a week for every £250 of capital and adjust payments accordingly.

The importance of the reforms has little to do with the attack on the welfare state mythologized by opponents. Certainly the cost of social security remains a potential threat to public expenditure control and lower taxation and is something the Government is determined to control. But the solution has been found not in reform but in the growth of the economy.

While social security benefits are being uprated in line with prices (or in the case of child benefit not uprated at all) tax revenues are uprated by prices plus real growth in the economy. Last year nominal growth in the economy was more than twice the rate of inflation, so tax revenues were much more buoyant than spending on benefits.

Holding down benefits while everyone else's incomes grow much faster is not a policy to be pursued indefinitely. Social security like every other spending programme will make its claim on resources in the economy over the longer term. But it is much easier for the Government to control the burden of social security when the economy is growing rapidly.

Meanwhile the reforms that take effect next month will slightly reduce the worst disincentive effects of the system, give more help to those who need it most, simplify the system for both claimants and administrators and reduce a little the notorious tendency of the social security programme to cost more than forecast. That is a worthwhile, if modest, achievement.

Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Half new franchises drop out

By Our Industrial Editor

Nearly half of the 270 franchise businesses in operation at the beginning of last year have dropped out.

Some have opted for directly managed outlets while others have gone out of business.

This is reported by Mr Roy Seaman, managing director of the Norwich-based Franchise Development Services, the consultant, in the fourth annual edition of the *United Kingdom Franchise Directory*. The report also shows there has still been a net increase in franchise businesses during 1987.

Although franchise failure rates are low compared with other new businesses — 4 per cent or less according to the British Franchise Association — the "franchise garden still has its nettles, weeds and wasps," said Mr Seaman.

The drop-outs have largely been small operations drawn in on the big growth wave. But some operators have tried franchising and then moved back to outlets managed by their own organization, among them Holland & Barrett, the health foods chain, and Sketchley, the cleaners.

Franchising in Britain is worth more than £3.5 billion in sales a year and is forecast to rise to more than £7 billion by 1991. It employs about 200,000 people.

United Kingdom Franchise Directory, Franchise Development Services, Castle House, Norwich, NR2 1PJ.

British Steel 'has £16bn advantage'

By Colin Narbrough

Thyssen, Europe's biggest private sector steelmaker, says tax differences and state subsidies have given British Steel Corporation a DM50 billion (£16.1 billion) advantage over Thyssen since the 1970s.

The claim was made by Dr Dieter Spethmann, the chairman of the West German steel group at the company's annual meeting at Duisburg in the Ruhr.

Dr Spethmann said BSC, now scheduled for early privatization, had admittedly shed about the same amount of steel capacity as Thyssen but had the benefit of DM19 billion in state subsidies.

When Thyssen could no longer keep up with such subsidies, the only course for it, as a commercial company, was to withdraw capacity, mainly at its own cost.

"Such experiences made and continue to make one sceptical," he said. This also applied to the euphoria of politicians who expected a huge stimulus for the West German economy from the single European market to be established by 1992.

He expressed serious doubts that EEC governments, at present unable to rid themselves of lossmaking steel industries, would tomorrow be prepared to allow their high-tech sectors to go under

Dr Spethmann accused Bonn of gross neglect over taxation. While British company profits were taxed at only 35 per cent, West German firms were paying about 66 per cent on retained profits.

Textile industry's call to Thatcher

By Our Industrial Editor

The Prime Minister has been asked to intervene in a trade dispute over subsidies that allow Turkish textile manufacturers to export to Britain at artificially low prices.

The British Textile Confederation wants Mrs Thatcher to press for an end to such breaching of trade rules when she visits Turkey early next month.

The low-price Turkish textiles entered Britain free of duties, yet trade barriers in Turkey made it difficult for British textile manufacturers to export there, said Mr Ian MacArthur, the confederation's director, at a conference at Gleneagles. The two factors together were hitting textile output and employment in Britain.

Turkey was breaching rules laid down in an agreement between it and the EEC, under which Turkey had associate membership of the EEC, said Mr MacArthur. The Turkish industry was receiving subsidies on investment, production and exports, with grants sometimes exceeding the sum actually invested.

Nor had Turkey met obligations to make regular reductions in its barriers against EEC imports. Tariffs were high and there were other imposts which on textiles brought import duty totals to between 50 per cent and 70 per cent.

Mr MacArthur said: "Last year Turkey sold £96 million worth of textiles to Britain, but we were able to sell only £7 million worth of ours to them.

Allied's new lager for women

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

Allied Breweries is to launch what it claims to be the first lager aimed specifically at women. The beer, called Bleu de Brasserie, will be on sale in public houses, wine bars and clubs after Easter and will be available through off-licences and supermarkets.

The launch will be backed by a £250,000 advertising campaign in women's press, posters and the London Underground. Allied and Ayer Barker, its advertising agency, say that women are demanding a strong lager — as well as premium packaging — although they are apparently less interested in the beer's origin or purity.

Lager represents 40 per cent of the beer market in Britain with 1.4 million barrels, of which 16 per cent is consumed by women. Among the premium package sector 40 per cent of drinkers are women who consume 30 per cent of volume.

The new brand is aimed at women in social classes BC1 and C2 in the age range 18-30. The agency's research shows they have a high disposable income, go out a lot, visit the cinema, and buy fashionable clothes but do not own their own flats. Mr Angus Fisher of Ayer Barker said: "We found in research that women strongly identified with the colour blue and were sympathetic towards French imagery."

The lager is to carry six different labels, designed by artists who include Glynn Boyd Harte and Ian Beck.

Pickwick Papers revisited

For the third time this century, the George & Vulture has been saved from the hand of the developer. But — to the horror of some of the regulars — it will now be turned into a pub. For the historic chop house — believed to date back to 1268 and the inn where Mr Pickwick and his man-servant, Sam Weller, characters in Charles Dickens's *Pickwick Papers*, stayed when in town — is, I can reveal, in the process of being sold to Samuel Smith, the brewery based in Tadcaster, North Yorkshire. While Samuel Smith is keeping mysteriously mum on the subject — and has yet to inform even the present tenant, Trusthouse Forte — the Church Commissioners, hitherto owners of the freehold, confirm they "have sold or are in the process of selling" to Samuel Smith. The George & Vulture, a listed building off Cornhill in the City, has had a question mark hanging over its future for the past three years and is reputed to have been finally sold for about £1.5 million. Cedric Dickens, aged 71, whose great-great-grandfather, Charles Dickens, regularly dined there, thinks the outcome "could have been a lot worse". "A lot of money needs to be spent on structural repairs and Samuel Smith already owns the Cheshire Cheese (in Fleet Street) so they have had some experience in these matters," he says. "They are certainly aware that they have something that is very precious."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Thatcher's class of '88

For all the criticism Mrs Thatcher has had over her education policies, she does at least appear to have inherited a happier state of academic affairs in her own constituency. She is, I am sure, aware that Christ's College, a grammar school in Finchley Central, about a quarter of a mile from the Conservative Club, consistently produces an exceptionally high number of Oxbridge entrants. But it should perhaps be brought to her attention that its colourful collection of "old boys" range from Lord Young, Charles Saatchi and David Kyte — the most powerful "local" on the floor of Liffe (reputed to make £100,000 on a good day) — to Damien McCrystal, editor of *The Sun* City section, and Jonathan Greenwood, the share dealer who was charged with insider dealing offences on Friday.

Up in smoke

Bank cheques treated with a chemical that cause them to disintegrate into confetti shortly after being deposited have, I am told, been used in at least two states in the US — costing banks in Chicago alone more than $100,000 in the past couple of months. On Friday, a cheque-clearing house warned 142 banks in Illinois and Tennessee to be on the look-out for the "dissolving" cheques, which may have an unusual odour and oily feel. Tricksters have apparently been opening new accounts at banks with a small amount of money and later making a larger deposit with a dissolving cheque. The money is then withdrawn from the account before the bank has discovered the fate of the second cheque — with its decomposition leaving little evidence.

"Once a dealer, always a dealer . . "

● Titter, titter . . . Asil Nadir's oranges-to-television empire, Polly Peck, has, I hear, just taken a sizeable stake in a minor Turkish import-export bank which goes under the memorable name of the Titi Bank.

Trusted habits

It had to happen . . . just as the prolific emergence of ethical unit trust and investment funds was starting to look as if it were about to change the face of the industry, some contrary soul — in America, of course — has invented a fund specializing in sin. Affiliated Investors of Cleveland has apparently applied to the US Securities and Exchange Commission to launch Morgan Fun-Shares, a mutual fund to invest only in companies whose products are habit forming, such as liquor, tobacco and gambling. "When times get bad, people quit buying cars and boats and stop going on vacation," says Burton Morgan, aged 71, the fund's creator. "But they don't stop drinking, smoking or gambling." And it is not as much of a gimmick as it sounds. According to Morgan — who runs an adhesives company with a $250 million turnover, as well as a venture-capital firm — gaming, tobacco and liquor shares have outperformed the Dow Jones industrial average during the past five years.

● Is Fisons or Ferranti about to be prized away from its existing corporate adviser? Kleinwort Benson has won a number of important new clients this year including, in alphabetical order, Bejam, Chloride, Delta and electricity. "We needed an 'A', and then along came Abbey National," says a spokesman. "Now we need an 'F' . . ." Watch this space.

Carol Leonard

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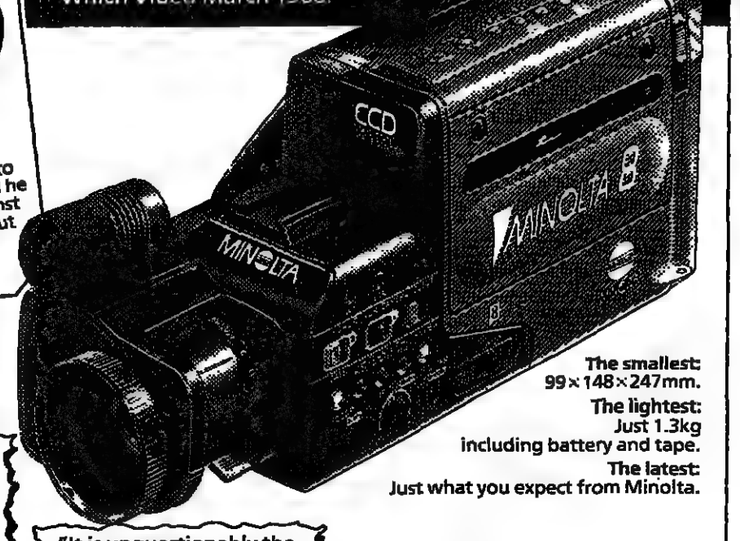

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Testing time for company chief in his $1.8bn bid battle for Koppers

Beazer on threshold of biggest coup

By John Bell, City Editor

Meet Brian Beazer at a cocktail party or similar social function and you might think you would soon have him pigeon-holed. Quiet and neat like the charcoal-grey business suits he favours, he tends to be formal, often just a touch too formal for the occasion, whatever it may be.

He is clearly intense, some might say humourless. One might think he were a middle-ranking man of the cloth, or a senior civil servant. Yet in Mr Beazer's case, appearances deceive. Beneath the restrained exterior there is a man of extraordinary ambition and commercial aggression.

Mr Beazer is a fierce proponent of capitalism — the variety that appears to be red in tooth and claw. His doggedly expansionist approach has built in a few years a construction company that is now almost Britain's biggest, with profits headed for £100 million this year.

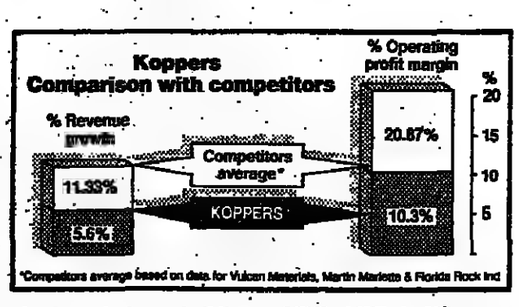
The next few weeks look like being among the most testing in a career that even Mr Beazer's rivals grudgingly describe as remarkable. He is entering the critical stages of his most audacious takeover campaign to date, the $1.8 billion (£980 million) bid for Koppers, America's second-largest sand and gravel company.

The battle is hotting up. Legal action is breaking out in several directions. The management of Koppers, based in Pittsburgh, maintains its stance of hostile non co-operation. Mr Beazer has a good deal, including his reputation as a deal-maker, riding on success.

At home, meanwhile, Mr Beazer's loyal band of institutional supporters is being asked to take more and more on trust as his company raises the bid twice, without appearing to force a single concession from Koppers' tough steel-town management.

Put in Mr Beazer's position, few businessmen would have been tempted to take on Koppers. Its size, special position in the industry as almost the only company with nationwide distribution, and the strong feeling among Beazer's leading shareholders that he had earned quite enough takeover laurels for the time being, all indicated that he should have gone low profile for a while. But Mr Beazer is no one's ordinary executive.

Some say that admiration and respect for his father and a deep sense of responsibility for the stewardship of the inherited business are a key to Mr Beazer's motivation. He certainly followed in the footsteps of his master stonemason father and after leaving school worked on building sites doing odd jobs.



In the 14 years since the company went public, it has increased in value an impressive 125-fold. About 30 acquisitions have been completed since 1979.

Yet the strength of Beazer's backing in the City stems a good deal from the belief that this has been much more than just growth for growth's sake. The toughest yardstick of all, earnings per share performance — the so-called "bottom line" — shows a 31 per cent compound growth over the past decade.

Beazer has a distinctive approach to takeovers and it has rarely failed. It hinges on meticulous analysis, leading to the preparation of a detailed five-year cashflow forecast, and extensive visits to the target company's sites. Beazer men are despatched to go, watch and report.

This method paid off handsomely in the 1986 purchase of Gifford Hill, the US cement maker. Initially, the deal dented the group's image. Now Beazer watchers all admit that Gifford Hill was bought cheaply and at a moment when its fortunes and profits were recovering fast.

Koppers was identified as a prime target for several reasons. Its activities fit well with Gifford Hill's both geographically and industrially. It would establish Beazer as a leading building materials company in the US, in line with one of its long-term ambitions. Finally the time looked ripe for an assault on Koppers.

Koppers had been turned round to some extent. But its sales growth and profit margins were some way below those of its main competitors. Its reserves, a staggering 2.5 billion tonnes of stone and 218 million tonnes of sand, representing more than 35 years of current output, are well located near leading markets — a crucial factor in a spacious country such as the US.

Mr Beazer, who had for some time been under pressure to restrain the issue of shares and to avoid new financing burdens in the wake of the sizeable Gifford Hill takeover, called in Shearson Lehman and County Natwest, his advisers. They devised a novel approach which countered all the objections to a new and expensive bid.

A special takeover vehicle, BNS, was formed, with Beazer holding a minority of the shares. BNS was supplied with non-recourse finance to offer cash for Koppers' shares. With BNS treated as an associate, the borrowings of the bid were separated from Beazer's balance sheet.

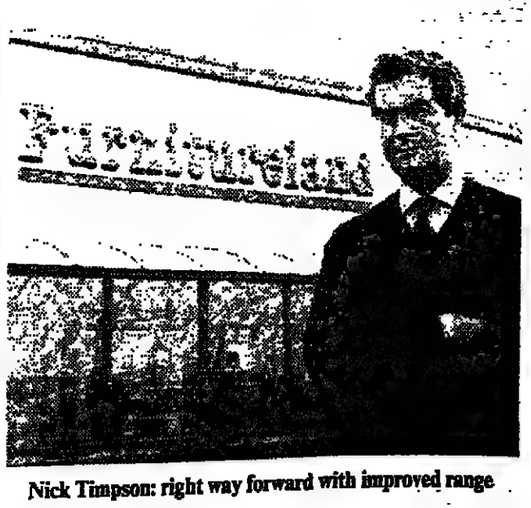
The non-recourse finance meant the risks were also insulated from Beazer. If Koppers' sales were to be decimated by a savage US recession in the near future, then only BNS would be at risk of collapse, not Beazer.

BNS started the bidding at $1.3 billion, soon raised to $1.6 billion and now has a further package worth $1.8 billion on the table. The management of Koppers has stonewalled, appearing thus to score points over Beazer.

Most of Beazer's support is intact, though BZW has already warned its clients of the dangers of a lengthy auction for Koppers and advised sales of Beazer stock. BZW's analysts could not see a first-year profit from Koppers even if Beazer had been successful with its initial offer of $45 a share, let alone the latest $60 per share bid.

Beazer's financial plan was ingenious and the next stage, should the tender offer succeed, is the sale of Koppers' chemical operations, which might raise $500 million of the $1.8 billion planned outlay. Eventually, as the financing costs reduce, Beazer will buy out its partners in BNS and consolidate Koppers.

Mr Beazer's City fan club is nothing less than dazzled by the creative approach and clear strategic thinking involved in the Koppers bid. But Mr Beazer badly needs some evidence that he is making solid headway with the bid. If he is pushed much higher than $60 by rival bidders or a buyout plan, his shares and his credibility could begin to suffer badly.



Nick Timpson: right way forward with improved range

Furnitureland eyes listing on growing profits

By Our City Staff

Mr Nick Timpson, who started his Furnitureland stores chain in London's Docklands in 1973, is casting his eye on the stock market with a view to seeking a listing within the next couple of years.

Mr Timpson, aged 46, has just announced pretax profits of £921,000, an increase of 83 per cent on the previous year. Turnover totalled £12.25 million. It is the fifth successive year that company earnings have gone up.

Furnitureland now has nine stores — with two more planned this year — all between 12,000 sq ft and 20,000 sq ft and spread across the country, from Wembley to Bournemouth, and from Bristol to West Thurrock in Essex.

When Mr Timpson started he saw the business operating as a discount furniture warehouse, undercutting prices of high street retailers.

But in 1982 he decided to take the company upmarket, improving the range of merchandising and presentation. "We felt this was the right way forward in the climate of the recession and it has paid dividends," he says.

Mr Timpson has raised funds for expansion through the venture capital company, Baronsmead, which put up nearly £3.5 million. Nearly £2 million of this was raised under the Business Expansion Scheme.

Mr Richare Hargreaves, the managing director of Baronsmead and a non-executive director of Furnitureland, said: "The company has hit on a very successful trading formula and is proving it works in a highly competitive field.

There is every reason to believe this company will continue to manage its growth profitably and successfully."

Czechs take a new step to freer trade

By A Correspondent

As Czechoslovakia prepares for a set of economic reforms in July, another milestone in liberalizing trade will be reached this week when the latest East-West joint venture opens for business.

The new company, Tourinvest, will begin a hotel-building programme designed to ease Czechoslovakia's chronic shortage of rooms. More important, though, it is a symbol of a wider government initiative to expose Czech companies to Western technology, management styles and currency. Joint ventures are a foretaste of reforms expected to give more independence to state enterprises.

The format was pioneered in Czechoslovakia last year by a British-owned biotechnology company, Senetek, based in Denmark. Called Tessek, it was born of the marriage between two specialists in the field of chromotography, Senetek and Tesla of Brno, Czechoslovakia.

Tesla provided the initial product patents and basic production facilities. For its part, Senetek brought foreign currency, product development techniques and a marketing operation in Western Europe and the US.

When Tessek produced its 1987 figures last week, the Czech company showed a profit of nearly $98,000 (£53,000) on turnover of just over $1.2 million.

Noteworthy features include Tessek's right to hire and fire, to pay salaries based on performance, and to expect overtime from workers accustomed to ending their day at 4.30pm. Such innovations have had a mixed reception. Offering staff performance bonuses, however, paid dividends.

Tessek's lead has since been followed by the Dutch electronics company, Philips, which has set up a joint venture company — Avex — with another division of Tesla.

The venture is to manufacture video recorders for both Eastern and Western bloc markets, using Czech production facilities and parts from Philips's Austrian subsidiary.

That this is only the second industrial joint venture to date reflects concern in the West that such ventures are still experiments. Indeed, a number of fundamental problems remain unresolved.

A key problem facing any joint venture in Czechoslovakia is that the legal system is not equipped to cope with it. A joint-venture law should, in theory, see the light of day at the end of this year.

Each of the four joint ventures to be approved since Philips has been to build or renovate hotels. Three of the four contracts have gone to Austrian construction companies and one to France.

Two of the ventures involve Cedok, the Czech state travel agency, with Austria's Varimpex and France's CBC. The two venture companies, Hotelinvest and the forthcoming Tourinvest, will build or renovate six hotels by 1992.

Independence from the state is a key ingredient for commercial success. Joint ventures may have made a promising start, but they will need to be followed by far wider economic reforms in order to flourish.

GKN in car part deal with China

By David Young

GKN, which has the main share of the world automotive market for constant velocity drive shafts, is to take a 25 per cent stake in a new plant to supply the Chinese motor industry.

Through Uni-Cardan, its West German subsidiary, GKN will form the Shanghai GKN Drive Shaft Company. It will start making drive shafts next year for a range of vehicles planned for introduction in the 1990s, as well as the Volkswagen Santana and Daihatsu Charade models which are being built under licence in China.

The company is a joint venture between the Chinese and West German governments. Uni-Cardan will hold 25 per cent of the company, as will the West German government.

The first drive shafts produced by the company — it will also takeover an existing plant which produces propeller shafts and universal joints for the Shanghai Tractor and Automobile Corporation — will be supplied to the Shanghai Volkswagen Automotive Company, which is stepping up production of the Volkswagen Santana model to 30,000 a year in 1990.

Uni-Cardan will have two directors on the board of the new company and Mr Stefan Day, an Englishman who has worked on several GKN overseas ventures, will be general manager of the plant during construction, commissioning, and the first five years of production.

GKN believes the move will establish a vital toe-hold in an expanding motor industry in China.

Although it will be several years before volume reaches Western and Japanese levels, sales by the company should reach about £9 million a year in 1990 and six new models are in the pipeline for production in the 1990s which will increase the market for the GKN-designed drive shafts.

The existing propeller shaft plant, which employs 1,000 people, produces shafts for the existing range of Chinese built cars, light commercial vehicles and heavy trucks. The new constant velocity drive shaft plant will be built next to the existing factory at Zhou Pu, a suburb of Shanghai.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 76.7 (day's range 76.6-77.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for March 25

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8310-1.8420	1.8355-1.8365	0.30-0.27pr	0.80-0.75pr
Montrl	2.2723-2.2878	2.2815-2.2846	0.04-parpr	0.04p-0.05d
Amstrdm	3.4516-3.4749	3.4535-3.4572	1½-1¼pr	4¾-3¾pr
Brussels	64.43-64.86	64.39-64.55	14-11pr	40-34pr
Copnhgn	11.7646-11.8551	11.7821-11.7977	⅝-1¼ds	2¼-3¾ds
Dublin	1.1494-1.1801	1.1501-1.1511	17-13pr	42-37pr
Frankft	3.0728-3.0935	3.0763-3.0796	1¾-1¼pr	4¼-3¾pr
Lisbon	251.89-253.83	252.01-253.07	60-100ds	249-948ds
Madrid	205.00-206.86	205.30-205.78	28-39ds	92-113ds
Milan	2274.00-2291.91	2274.64-2277.72	3-5ds	12-17ds
Oslo	11.5460-11.6259	11.5581-11.5738	4¾-5¾ds	15¾-16ds
Paris	10.4319-10.5151	10.4348-10.4478	⅝-¼pr	⅛pr-¼ds
Stckhlm	10.8453-10.9212	10.8735-10.8849	⅛-1ds	2¼-3¼ds
Tokyo	222.90-231.82	229.90-230.21	⅞-⅝pr	2¼-2⅝pr
Vienna	21.95-21.74	21.62-21.65	9¼-8pr	26-23¾pr
Zurich	2.5417-2.5576	2.5440-2.5472	1¼-1⅛pr	4¾-4¼pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	11.7977-11.8941
Australia dollar	2.4830-2.4862
Bahrain dinar	0.6880-0.6920
Brazil cruzado*	204.08-205.20
Cyprus pound	0.8175-0.8275
Finland marka	7.3675-7.4075
Greece drachma	244.50-246.50
Hong Kong dollar	14.3164-14.3261
India rupee	23.72-23.92
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4895-0.5035
Malaysia dollar	4.6865-4.7030
Mexico peso	4150-4250
New Zealand dollar	2.8477-2.8537
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.8425-6.8825
Singapore dollar	3.6860-3.6900
S Africa rand (fin)	4.9872-5.0567
S Africa rand (com)	3.9129-3.9207
U A E dirham	6.70-6.74

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5925-1.5940	Denmark	6.4180-6.4230	Italy	1238.0-1242.0
Singapore	2.0115-2.0125	W Germany	1.6753-1.6760	Belgium (Com)	35.10-35.15
Malaysia	2.5640-2.5650	Switzerland	1.3855-1.3865	Hong Kong	7.8040-7.8050
Australia	1.3540-1.3550	Netherlands	1.8815-1.8825	Portugal	137.30-137.80
Canada	1.2420-1.2430	France	5.6870-5.6900	Spain	111.90-112.00
Sweden	5.9230-5.9280	Japan	125.35-125.45	Austria	11.76-11.77
Norway	6.2960-6.3030	Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.			

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8½ Finance Hse 9½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 8¾ Low 6 Week fixed: 8¾
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 8¾ 3 mth – 8 9/16
Selling: 2 mth – 8 7/16 3 mth – 8¼
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 8¾-8 9/16 2 mth: 8¾-8 9/16 3 mth: 8 13/32-8 11/32
6 mth 8⅞-8⅝
Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9 2 mth: 9 3 mth: 9 1/32
6 mth 9⅝
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 9 close 8¾
1 week: 8⅞-8¾ 1 mth: 8 11/16-8 9/16 3 mth: 8¾-8⅝
6 mth: 9-8¾ 9 mth: 9⅛-9⅛ 12 mth: 9 1/16-8 15/16
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 8¾ 7 day: 8¾ 1 mth: 8⅝
3 mth: 9 6 mth: 9¼ 12 mth: 9⅝
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 8¾-8½ 2 mth: 8 13/16-8 9/16 3 mth: 8 13/16-8 9/16
6 mth: 8 13/16-8 11/16 9 mth: 9⅛-8¾ 12 mth: 9 1/16-8 15/16
Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: 8 9/16-8 7/16 3 mth: 8 11/16-8 9/16 6 mth: 8 13/16-8 11/16
12 mth: 9⅛-9

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 6.65-6.60 3 mth: 6.75-6.70 6 mth: 6.95-6.90
12 mth: 7.40-7.35

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar: Call: 6⅛-5⅞	6 11/16-6 9/16	6⅝-6⅝	6⅞-6⅝	7 1/16-6 15/16
Deutschemark: Call: 3⅛-2⅞	3 9/16-3 7/16	3⅞-3¾	3⅞-3⅝	3 9/16-3 7/16
French Franc: Call: 7¼-6¾	7¾-7⅝	8⅞-8	8 9/16-8 7/16	8 11/16-8 9/16
Swiss Franc: Call: 1⅛-⅞	1⅝-1⅜	1⅝-1⅜	1 13/16-1 11/16	2 1/16-2 1/16
Yen: Call: 3¼-2⅞	6⅛-6	4 11/16-4 9/16	4⅝-4⅜	4⅞-4⅝

TREASURY BILLS

Applied: £236.5m
Bids: £97.92%
Last week: £97.97%
Avge rate: £8.3083%
Next week: £100m

allotted: £100m
received: 44%
received: 53%
last wk £8.1293%
replace £100m

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY — **Interims:** Henry Barrett Group, Bennett & Fountain, Kingston Oil & Gas, Really Useful Group, Merlin International Properties.

Finals: American Trust, Assam-Dooars Holdings, Brent Chemicals International, W Canning, S Daniels, Derwent Valley Holdings, E B C Group, Edinburgh Oil & Gas, Forward Technology Industries, Ipeco Holdings, William Jacks, John Laing, Lilleshall Company, London & Metropolitan, Pearson, Slough Estates, Steetley, Watts, Blake, Bearne & Company, Whittington, Worcester Group.

TOMORROW — **Interims:** A B Electronic Products, Castle Communications, Frederick Cooper, Lloyds Chemists, Trafford Park Estates.

Finals: Amari, Belhaven Brewery Group, Bestwood, Brooks Services Group, BSG International, Candover Investments, Christies International, Clifford's Dairies, Edmond Holdings, Emess Lighting, Grampian Holdings, Guthrie Corporation (amended), Hambro Countrywide, Higgs and Hill, Hunting Petroleum Services, John I Jacobs, S Jerome & Sons, Johnston Group, Laird Group, London & Scottish Marine Oil, Lopex Communications, Macfarlane Group (Clansman), Marley, Metal Closures Group, Nestor-BNA, Next, Plasmec, Sherwood Group, Scottish Heritable Trust, George Wimpey, U T C Group.

WEDNESDAY — **Interims:** none announced.

Finals: Arcolectric Holdings, Brent Walker, Boustead, Bowater, British Aerospace, British Syphon Industries, Clarke, Nickolls & Coombs, Coates Brothers, Gibbs and Dandy, Albert Martin Holdings, Maxwell Communication Corporation, More O'Ferrall, William Morrison Supermarkets, M Y Holdings, H & J Quick, Raine Industries (amended), Relyon Group, A G Stanley Holdings, Sun Life Assurance Society, Tilbury Group, Turriff Corporation, United Newspapers, Weir Group, Portals Holdings, Renwick Group, J W Spear & Sons, Standard Chartered Bank.

THURSDAY — **Interims:** Blenheim Exhibitions Group, Royal Trust Dollar Income.

Finals: Acorn Computer Group, Elys (Wimbledon), House of Lerose, Senior Engineering Group, Triplevest, Western Dooars Tea Holdings.

FRIDAY: Public Holiday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
5,425,000	A & M Gp	9	-1	..	..	33.3
22.7m	ASD	318	..	13.0	4.1	9.0
7,762,000	ATA Selection	65	-3	2.2	3.4	26.8
21.8m	Abbeycrest	167	r	2.7	1.6	15.0
17.6m	Amber Am Pet	53	-2	..	..	..
8,000,000	Aberdeen Sth. Hse	50	+2	1.6e	3.2	..
—	Access Satellite	..	..	4.4f	..	..
17.2m	Acorn Comp	20	-½	..	..	24.3
16.8m	Acsis Group	79	+1	..	..	..
11.6m	Ardmina	192	-3	8.5	4.4	10.4
6,841,000	Aid Restaurants	70	●-5	1.7	2.4	..
30.2m	Amer Bus Sys	81	+1	2.2	2.7	35.8
—	Do Wrnts	50	+5	..	..	..
11.0m	Amber	188	●-5	4.9	2.6	15.4
42.8m	App Holographics	306	-5	..	..	..
—	Do Wrnts	250	+2	..	..	..
122.9m	Aran Energy	76	-1	..	..	..
30.3m	Ashtead	440	●+5	4.1	0.9	38.3
42.9m	Aspen Comms	435	..	7.0b	1.6	26.9
147.4m	Asprey	278	..	5.6	2.0	15.5
1,535,000	Assoc Energy	28	..	..	..	29.2
—	Assoc Nursing	146	..	..	..	..
202.4m	Atlantic Sec	91	..	..	..	..
17.3m	Atlas Equipment	215	-10	8.0	3.7	17.8
5,731,000	Automagic	118	●-2	8.8	7.5	18.0
4,498,000	BBB Design	55	..	2.1	3.8	8.8
10.0m	BCE	38	-2	1.4	3.9	14.5
4,271,000	BTS Grp	83	..	5.8	7.0	15.7
12.3m	Bearwood	198	..	6.9	3.7	14.9
4,275,000	Bedford (William)	90	●-6	6.4	7.1	8.2
5,269,000	Bemrose Crisps	71	●-10	9.7	1.0	12.0
6,300,000	Berry Birch & Noble	105	-3	5.8	5.5	11.6
4,215,000	BestonBatterseas	100	..	5.8	5.8	13.9
4,875,000	Bio Isolates	28	-1	..	..	..
8,840,000	Biomechanics	26	..	..	..	..
4,183,000	Blakemore	61	-4	5.2	10.2	9.9
49.4m	Blenheim Exhib	480	-10	5.5	1.1	38.9
22.6m	Bluebird Toys	296	●-2	8.5	2.9	11.8
9,872,000	Bonded Laminates	114	-5	3.9	2.9	..
3,843,000	Border TV	36	●+6	2.0	5.6	9.3
54.1m	Borland	110	+4	..	..	..
5,535,000	Brewmaker	11	r -1	2.1	19.1	45.8
4,625,000	Br Bloodstock	139	..	12.1	9.0	9.8
18.7m	Br Island	104	+1	2.7	2.6	14.1
14.7m	Broad St	41	-4	2.8	6.3	18.5
47.9m	Brookmount	365	-15	6.1	1.7	19.7
2,733,000	Bryant (Derek)	107	+9	2.7	2.5	27.4
—	Bula Resources	5	..	..	..	..
24.7m	Burford	210	-30	0.4	0.2	38.8
9,643,000	CCA Galleries	98	-2	3.8	3.9	13.6
23.7m	CCF	177	-23	4.1	2.3	8.7
19.7m	CML Micro	115	+1	..	..	..
13.8m	CPU Comp	84	-4	..	..	70.0
—	Caledonian Off	210	-7	..	..	..
7,070,000	Camotech	101	-5	2.8	2.8	27.9
9,578,000	Cap & Regional	81	+1	6.1	0.1	61.8
1,768,000	Carron Phoenix	160	-1	..	..	..
7,186,000	Castle Comp	200	+5	5.5	2.8	14.2
36.4m	Chancery Secs	200	-18	5.5	2.8	21.6
14.3m	Chelsea Man	133	+8	4.0	3.0	13.9
1,354,000	Chem Manods	39	..	..	..	..
1,882,000	Cifer	12	-1	..	..	8.2
18.1m	Citygrove	222	●-3	5.5	2.5	11.1
66.5m	City Merchants	82	+2	1.4	1.5	..
18.0m	Cityvision	64	-4	0.7	1.1	25.8
8,071,000	Cmsprint	153	-5	8.5	5.6	7.1
12.3m	Clarke Hooper	148	-8	3.7	2.5	16.3
5,341,000	Clogau Gold	24	-2	..	..	..
47.2m	Cluff Oil Hldgs	95	+½	..	..	..
21.9m	Coated Electrodes	85	-10	8.5	9.5	10.0
21.1m	Cobra Emerald	97	..	..	..	..
3,444,000	Colorgen Inc	139	+11	8.8	4.1	8.5
22.0m	Colorspritz	114	-4	..	..	7.1
29.4m	Colouration	220	..	..	4.1	1.5
10.5m	Co of Designers	68	-3	..	..	11.8
8,432,000	Comp Financial	193	+15	3.4	1.8	21.1
7,429,000	Compsoft	48	-3	..	..	8.0
22.0m	Cons Tem Inva	50	..	..	..	33.6
10.1m	Contl Microwave	190	● ..	..	4.0	5.1
38.2m	Cook (DC)	158	-½	3.9	2.5	..
14.1m	Copymore	130	-5	3.7	2.1	15.5
17.0m	Corporate Prop	61	..	0.4	0.7	..
8,085,000	Cornelis	110	..	4.1	3.7	14.1
8,615,000	Cramphorn	306	-5	4.8	1.6	20.3
6,000,000	Cranbrook	75	..	0.7	0.9	39.9
5,320,000	Cranswick	98	-5	7.6	8.0	9.2
5,339,000	Crabtree Lodge	93	-4	2.5	2.7	13.0
7,517,000	Creighton Labs	205	-5	5.3	2.6	19.6
5,279,000	Crown TV Prods	56	..	..	..	21.2
7,950,000	Davies (DY)	150	●-5	5.5	3.7	11.8
9,265,000	Dean & Bowes	171	-7	5.8	4.2	16.1
2,880,000	De Brett (Andre)	36	..	..	..	38.3
15.4m	De Morgan	88	+10	3.3	2.5	..
3,803,000	Demar	54	..	3.5	6.5	10.4
5,933,000	Demmers Elec	139	+11	5.8	4.1	9.5
59.4m	Derby Warren	114	-4	..	..	7.1
10.6m	Dialene	280	..	..	4.1	1.5
25.0m	Dolphin Packaging	130	●-5	3.7	2.1	..
25.2m	Drum	400	+8	7.1	1.8	16.2
8,696,000	Dunton	39½	-½	0.8	2.7	18.4
6,388,000	Eadie	90	-5	4.8	9.6	11.0
4,205,000	Ealing Elect Optics	40	-7	3.0	7.5	8.1
—	Ecotric	38	..	..	..	..
11.9m	Econ Forestry	88	+7	4.1	4.6	12.0
3,899,000	Edin Oil & Gas	39	..	..	..	73.0
27.4m	Eldridge Pope A	357	+5	10.5	3.0	14.5
15.1m	Electron House	136	●+3	5.8	4.1	77.1
4,982,000	Entertainment Prod	16½	-2½	..	..	6.8
23.6m	Epwin	165	-1	5.8	3.5	..
14.2m	Eve Construction	113	●-2	6.9	4.5	10.4
37.4m	Expamara Hldgs	93	-7	..	..	..
8,743,000	F & H Group	83	+22	..	..	17.5
6,004,000	Fairway London	78	●-2	4.1	5.4	13.1
6,917,000	Feedback	70	-5	3.4	4.9	18.6
5,831,000	Fergabrook	23	-1	..	..	1.9
159.0m	Fields (Mrs)	108	-15	..	..	..
20.2m	Profax	141	+8	4.5	3.2	13.2
10.5m	Firstland	61	-4	..	..	..
20.5m	Fletcher Dennys	88	..	..	..	8.8
10.1m	Flextech	46	-1	..	..	8.1
32.3m	Flogas	195	..	..	..	..
20.0m	Floyd Oil	34	+2	..	..	13.9
31.1m	Ford Sellar	96	..	3.7	3.9	..
12.5m	Forward Gp	173	● ..	3.0	1.7	21.4
26.3m	French Conn	168	-10	7.3	4.5	13.5
89.6m	Fuller Smith 'A'	497	+7	7.5	1.5	20.2
5,109,000	GWR Gp	348	..	..	..	..
4,816,000	GC Flooring	51	-2	2.7	5.3	8.5
20.9m	Gabbicci	145	+3	4.3	3.4	12.8
7,630,000	Gee (Geoff)	85	-1	1.4	1.6	..
5,817,000	Gibbon Lyons	145	..	3.7	3.9	17.9
11.4m	Gibbs Mew	208	● ..	6.5	2.8	18.8
4,348,000	Gipsy Gp	75	● ..	4.1	5.4	10.1
6,046,000	Goowin Warren	125	-4	3.0	2.4	17.8
22.3m	Goodhead Print	113	●-5	6.6	5.2	13.6
10.6m	Graham Meadr Gp	160	-8	1.7	1.7	..
10.9m	Grange Surface	78	+8	9.8	6.6	13.0
25.2m	Great Southern	280	..	4.8	1.8	16.1
16.4m	Green (Ernest)	263	●-5	6.8	2.6	16.2
2,170,000	Greenwich Cable	31	..	..	..	..
14.6m	Guardhouse	88	-4	..	..	..
15.7m	Halo Homes	180	● ..	5.1	3.2	10.9
6,881,000	Hampden Homecare	98	+6	2.6	2.6	11.9
15.9m	Harmony Leisure	65	-1	0.1	0.2	..
...000,000	Haslett Estates	138	+6	2.1	1.5	..
51.7m	Hawthorn Leslie	32½	-2½	0.3	0.9	32.8
11.8m	Health Care	78	-3	1.2	1.5	19.7
3,711,000	Heavitree	715	..	17.0	2.4	19.3
6,988,000	Do 'A' LV	653	..	17.0	2.6	17.9
6,252,000	Hewetson	91	●-9	3.7	4.1	15.3
11.5m	Hoy & Croft	153	●+15	5.3	3.5	11.3
24.1m	Highland Pet	158	-12	..	..	..
5,099,000	Hille Ergonom	45	+2	2.7	6.0	10.7
18.7m	Hobson	49	+1	..	..	53.8
41.0m	Hodgson	231	●-19	3.2	1.4	19.9
682.2m	Holmes Protection	125	-1	..	..	..
11.7m	Honeysuckle Gp	145	●-5	5.6	3.9	13.8
12.2m	Hornby	153	-2	4.4	2.9	15.3
85.6m	Hughes Food	103	●-6	0.7	0.7	39.6
3,450,000	Hughes (H)	75	-3	3.1	4.1	..
6,598,000	Humbrol Elec	22	..	..	..	..
5,928,000	Huntleigh Tech	70	-3	1.4	2.0	48.6
3,596,000	INSTEM	80	-4	3.4	4.3	17.4
—	Image Storage	62	-5	..	..	..
6,675,000	Imtec	10	r -1	..	..	1.3
2,492,000	IntraRed	38	-2	..	..	..
10.4m	Intereurope Tech	200	●-10	8.8	4.4	8.6
77.6m	Interlink Express	478	●-10	8.7	1.8	25.3
21.3m	Israel (Jack L)	25½	-½	0.7	2.8	28.3
32.9m	Jaques Vert	360	-15	9.6	2.7	17.1
2,080,000	Jetsens	13	..	..	..	0.4
11.0m	Johnson Fry	110	●-3	3.4	3.1	13.3
12.1m	Johnstones Paints	116	●-7	6.5	5.6	10.2
9,864,000	JSB Elec	182	-1	4.1	2.3	17.6
5,250,000	Kalsbyer	70	-5	2.7	3.9	12.0
40.1m	Kenyon Secs	283	-15	8.2	2.8	55.0
8,343,000	Kewill Systems	140	-2	2.1	1.5	17.6
6,856,000	Kirk-Telnik	43	-5	1.8	4.2	9.6
9,102,000	Knobs & Knockers	111	●-5	1.8	1.4	..
37.5m	Kunick	38½	+1½	1.4	3.6	..
5,104,000	LPA Ind	65	s +2	4.1	6.3	11.3
10.5m	Ladbroke Thomson	169	●+3	6.8	4.1	12.5
17.0m	LSMS Plc	140	..	1.4	1.0	..
20.2m	Lawmar	85	..	3.6	4.2	10.2
93.6m	Local Lon Gp	470	+20	10.0	2.1	24.1
7,904,000	Lodge Cars	115	+5	5.5	4.8	19.9
9,074,000	Lon & Clydeside	100	-3	7.8	7.8	11.6
—	Lon Forfaiting	155	..	..	..	..
8,392,000	Lorin Elec	133	-2	4.8	3.6	9.7
8,617,000	Lysander Pet	34	-2	..	..	..
5,295,000	M& Cash & Carry	63	-7	4.9	7.8	6.6
11.8m	MMT Comp	116	..	1.5	1.3	17.0
9,918,000	McLaughlin & Har	245	●-5	11.0	4.5	11.0
11.5m	Magnetic Materials	68	-2	4.0	6.1	8.8
8,952,000	Mainmet	180	●-8	2.4	1.3	31.4
12.8m	March Gp	108	●+3	5.6	5.4	..
12.5m	Marcol Gp	68	●-5	1.0	1.1	..
40.9m	Marina Dev	275	-15	..	..	..
21.3m	Martin (Ronald)	205	-5	5.7	2.8	17.5
2,310,000	Massmind	21	-7	..	..	..
18.3m	Maybom	86	-7	4.8	5.6	10.2
4,997,000	Memory Comp	20	-1½	..	..	..
3,154,000	Mercom Ind Hldgs	30	..	..	..	2.0
24.8m	Metwest-Swean	225	●+5	4.7	2.1	19.4
15.4m	Merrydown Wine	398	-1	7.5	1.9	22.1
13.0m	Metal Bulletin	148	●-5	6.6	4.5	17.8
16.7m	Metsec	131	-3	4.0	3.1	22.8
2,558,000	Michael (John)	31	..	..	12.4	..
38.3m	Microsystems	275	●-7	4.1	1.5	12.5
9,776,000	Microvisc	36	●-5	2.1	5.8	10.3
22.5m	Miller & Smithouse	373	-25	3.9	1.0	42.9
8,794,000	Millward Brown	125	-5	4.1	3.3	10.1
4,973,000	Miss World	255	● ..	11.0	4.3	13.0
24.7m	Moys	252	●+10	1.5	0.6	29.3
9,569,000	Mulmare Visions	35	-2	..	..	20.0
40.5m	Munro & Crane	111	-3	4.4	3.9	11.0
42.0m	Monotype	228	+1	8.4	2.8	14.1
8,807,000	Moorgate	138	+2	9.5	1.8	17.2
2,674,000	Morris (William)	8	..	..	..	3.2
11.1m	Mowlem	36	+1	..	..	..
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—	Nexus	..	..	..	..	..
5,300,000	Norfolk House	106	..	1.0	1.9	..
3,742,000	Nortean	54	..	..	..	8.3
32.6m	Nth Sea & Gen	42	..	2.4	2.7	15.7
7,984,000	Northumbrian Fine	60	-1	..	..	9.4
4,498,000	Oxfrd Inspec	63	..	..	..	..
—	Optometrics	17	-2	..	..	..
13.1m	Orchid Tech	238	-22	..	..	..
17.7m	Osborne & Little	255	..	5.9	2.3	16.6
6,522,000	PCT	147	..	4.9	3.3	21.5
24.4m	PML	57	-6	..	..	25.1
6,030,000	Pacer Systems	135	+2	..	..	..
18.4m	Pacific Sales	268	●+3	2.7	1.0	40.2
65.7m	Parkway	293	-2	2.1	0.7	38.3
5,490,000	Pathfinders	23	..	..	..	..
5,713,000	Pavion	8½	-1	..	..	5.3
13.5m	Pegasus	258	-9	..	..	..
64.1m	Pepe Group	273	●-12	5.1	1.9	17.2
3,300,000	Pencom	44	+1	1.4	3.2	22.0
12.2m	Perkins Foods	85	-8	1.5	1.8	24.4
14.0m	Personal Computer	280	●-3	5.3	1.9	18.6
19.8m	Peters (Michael)	150	●-8	4.5	3.0	14.9
1,465,000	Petrogen	12½	+1	..	..	..
5,680,000	Picadilly Radio	71	●+1	3.1	4.4	16.0
16.3m	Pict Pet	82	+9	..	..	11.2
11.0m	Pineapple	73	-8	..	..	23.2
2,668,000	Plasmec	58	-2	3.3	5.7	7.3
3,266,000	Platon	80	+14	2.3	2.9	4.4
27.5m	Plym Hldgs	220	-2	4.1	1.9	30.1
10.8m	Polytech Marine	120	..	..	..	..
10.8m	Polech	112	-5	2.4	2.0	..
2,824,000	Prism Leisure	80	-10	2.0	2.5	7.1
6,205,000	Promaprint	85	+5	1.4	1.6	27.7
15.1m	Property Trust	2½	-¼	..	..	..
10.4m	Quarto	145	-3	4.5	3.1	17.2
9,082,000	Questel	203	●-8	7.4	3.6	9.9
23.1m	RKF	89	+1	3.0	3.4	12.7
14.2m	Radamec	95	..	1.8	1.9	20.6
2,885,000	Radio City 'A'	122	-5	..	..	..
6,289,000	Radio Clyde	109	+7	5.8	5.3	10.7
29.6m	Radios	255	● ..	5.8	2.3	17.6
4,062,000	Rameo Oil	24	..	..	..	5.8
5,978,000	Ramus	135	..	8.9	6.6	7.4
101.2m	Randsworth	153	+1	1.4	0.9	41.4
5,880,000	Real Time Control	84	-3	2.7	3.2	14.5
8,878,000	Regnis Hldgs	53	-3	0.4	0.8	34.2
11.6m	Reliance Sec	113	-2	6.2	5.5	10.3
1,993,000	Reliant Motor	36	-1	..	..	12.9
21.2m	Rockwood	83	●-2	0.8	0.7	16.5
4,038,000	Rolfe & Nolan	179	..	4.8	2.7	19.6
5,076,000	Rural Planning	95	..	..	..	..
29.4m	SAC	144	+3	4.8	3.3	14.6
6,753,000	SEP Ind	31	-3	..	..	10.0
6,748,000	Sanders Sydney	145	-2	8.2	5.7	18.2
5,596,000	Sapphire Pet	25	r ..	..	..	3.5
12.0m	Savage	197	-6	3.4	1.7	23.2
3,707,000	Scanfo	120	+13	3.4	2.8	17.2
75.2m	Scot Heritable	180	+6	8.0	3.2	16.3
12.7m	Sec Archives	203	-12	2.0	1.0	21.1
18.9m	Select App	167	+7	3.4	1.8	28.3
2,744,000	SelecTV	20	..	..	..	..
32.0m	Share Drug Strs	305	..	4.1	1.3	25.9
28.5m	Sharp & Law	185	-10	4.1	2.2	22.4
4,189,000	Shelton Jones	81	●-2	6.4	7.9	13.9
2,950,000	Shelton (Martin)	59	-2	2.4	4.1	..
13.3m	Sherwood Comp	260	+10	8.6	2.1	15.4
42.5m	Sherwood Group	370	-15	..	..	..
10.9m	Shield	104	+1	4.1	3.9	12.8
9,720,000	Snorkplan	108	●+15	1.4	1.3	12.3
3,067,000	Sharon	126	+10	5.1	4.0	11.8
4,684,000	Sigmex	55	+2	1.5	2.7	5.1
57.2m	Sims Catering	433	-15	7.0	1.6	43.6
26.7m	Sinclair (William)	300	● ..	8.5	2.8	21.2
14.5m	Smallbone	258	r -2	7.1	2.8	19.7
5,000,000	Soundtracks	50	●-5	2.6	5.2	11.2
62.1m	Spin Bus	312	+

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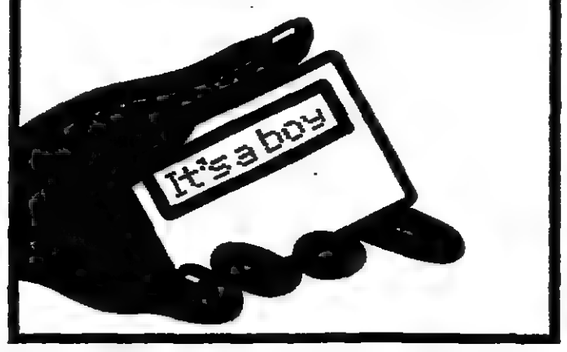

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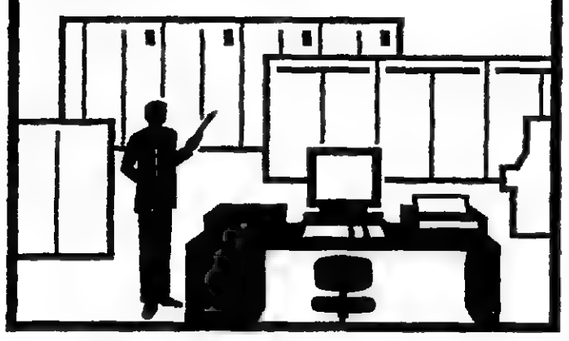

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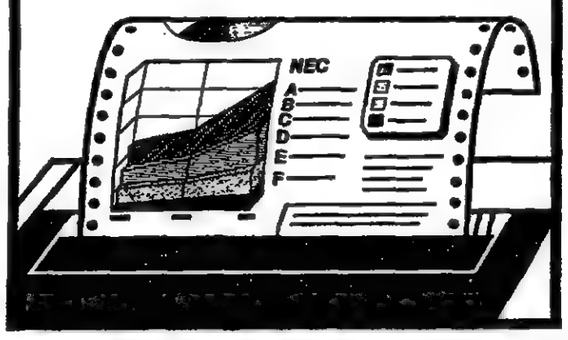

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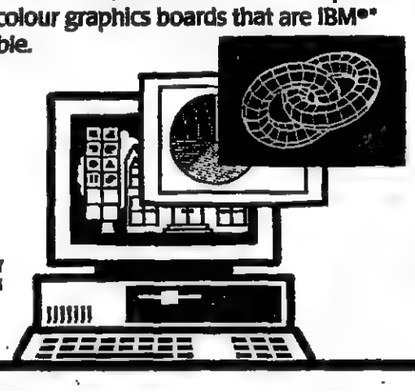

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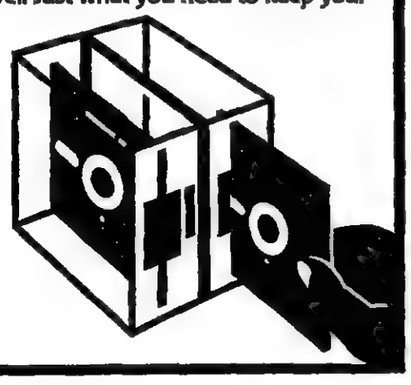

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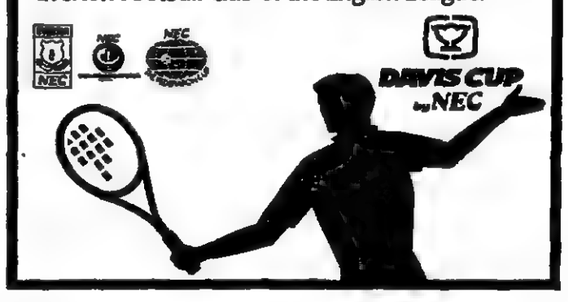

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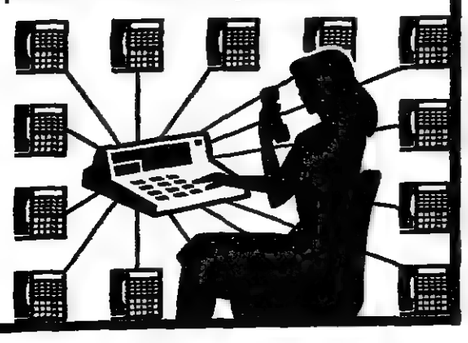

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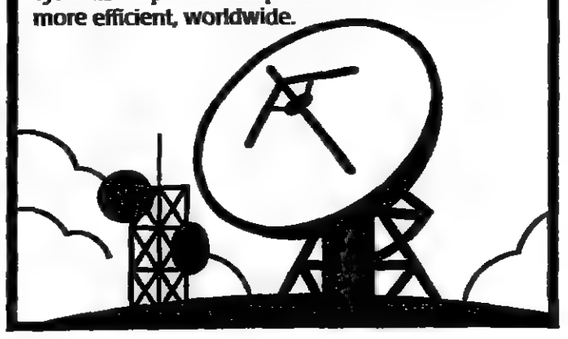

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1	Lep	Industrials L-R	
2	Bestwood	Industrials A-D	
3	Evered	Industrials E-K	
4	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
5	Hanover Druce	Property	
6	Nash Ind	Industrials L-R	
7	Trimoco	Motors,Aircraft	
8	Dale Elec	Electricals	
9	Gaskell Broadtown	Textiles	
10	Greycoat	Property	
11	Castle Comm	Leisure	
12	Fletcher King	Property	
13	Br Mohair	Textiles	
14	Rotork	Industrials L-R	
15	Lawtex	Industrials L-R	
16	Wyndham Eng	Industrials S-Z	
17	Wace	Paper,Print,Adv	
18	Appleyard	Motors,Aircraft	
19	Nobo Gp	Industrials L-R	
20	Birmingham Mint	Industrials A-D	
21	Braithwaite Grp	Industrials A-D	
22	Hunting Assoc	Industrials E-K	
23	Stanley (AG)	Drapery,Stores	
24	Bridon	Industrials A-D	
25	Elec Data Process	Electricals	
26	Reed Executive	Industrials L-R	
27	Borland	Electricals	
28	Brake Bros	Foods	
29	Amber Day	Drapery,Stores	
30	Travis & Arnold	Building,Roads	
31	Auto Fidelity	Electricals	
32	Webb (Jos)	Property	
33	Belhaven	Breweries	
34	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
35	Boosey & Hawkes	Leisure	
36	Chartsearch	Newspapers,Pub	
37	ML Hdgs	Industrials L-R	
38	Suter	Industrials S-Z	
39	Devenish (JA)	Breweries	
40	Hay (Norman)	Industrials E-K	
41	T & S Stores	Drapery,Stores	
42	Sumrie Clothes	Drapery,Stores	
43	Barker & Dobson	Foods	
44	Centreway Ind	Industrials A-D	

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ACCUMULATOR £128,000
Claims better than 46 points
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BRITISH FUNDS

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)					
1450m	Each 10½% 1988	100⅛	..	10.5	..
1150m	Treas 08¼% 1988	100⅛	..	9.7	..
1289m	Trans 3% 1978-88	99	..	3.0	..
2060m	Treas 9½% 1989	100⅛	..	9.5	..
2300m	Treas 11½% 1989	102¼	..	11.3	..
1425m	Treas 10½% 1989	101¾	..	10.2	..
2433m	Each 10% 1989	101⅛	..	9.9	..
1240m	Each 10¼% 1989	103⅛	..	9.9	..
2058m	Each 11% 1989	102⅛	..	10.7	..
879m	Treas 9% 1989-92	96⅛	..	9.7	..
1158m	Treas C9¼% 1990	100⅛	..	9.4	..
480m	Treas 3% 1989	99⅛	..	3.1	..
——	3% 1990	100⅛	..	..	..
1999m	Treas 13% 1990	106⅛	..	12.2	..
1446m	Each 10½% 1990	105⅛	..	10.5	..
1339m	Exch 12½% 1990	108⅛	..	11.8	..
808m	Treas 3% 1990	99⅛	..	3.2	..
894m	Treas 9½% 1987-90	99⅛	..	9.5	..
1935m	Treas 10% 1990	103⅛	..	9.8	..
480m	Each 3½% 1990	98	..	3.5	..
1041m	Treas C10¾% 1991	104⅛	..	9.6	..
2344m	Treas 11¾% 1991	108⅛	..	10.8	..
375m	Fund 5¼% 1987-91	94	..	5.1	..
1842m	Each 11% 1991	105⅛	..	10.4	..
358m	Treas 3% 1991	99⅛	..	3.4	..
——	3% 1991	99⅛	..	3.3	..
1004m	Treas 12¼% 1992	111⅛	..	11.4	..
1850m	Treas 10% 1992	103⅛	..	9.7	..
1351m	Treas C10¼% 1992	104⅛	..	10.0	..
425m	Treas 3% 1992	99⅛	..	3.5	..
1930m	Treas 8% 1992	96⅛	..	8.5	..
1439m	Each 12½% 1992	111	..	11.0	..
2050m	Each 13½% 1992	115⅛	..	11.7	..
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS					
1912m	Treas 10% 1993	103⅛	..	9.7	..
1249m	Treas 12½% 1993	113⅛	..	11.0	..
546m	Fund 8% 1993	81¼	..	9.6	..
1490m	Treas 13¾% 1993	119⅛	..	11.5	..
741m	Treas 14½% 1994	123⅛	..	11.7	..
1781m	Exch 12½% 1994	114⅛	..	10.9	..
1308m	Exch 13¼% 1994	119⅛	..	11.3	..
1561m	Treas 9% 1994	88⅛	..	9.1	..
1451m	Treas 10% 1994	103⅛	..	9.8	..
2857m	Treas 12% 1995	113	..	10.6	..
172m	Gas 3% 1990-95	80⅛	..	3.7	..
2030m	Exch 10¼% 1995	103	..	9.8	..
1161m	Treas 12¾% 1995	118⅛	..	10.6	..
1117m	Treas 14% 1996	124⅛	..	11.3	..
748m	Treas 9% 1992-96	90⅛	..	9.0	..
1770m	Treas 16½% 1996	142⅛	..	11.5	..
971m	Exch 13¼% 1996	121⅛	..	10.9	..
34m	Rdmpt 3% 1996	84½	..	3.8	..
1147m	Conv 10% 1996	103⅛	..	9.7	..
——	Treas 9¾% 1997 C	99⅛	..	..	..
1834m	Treas 13¼% 1997	129⅛	..	10.9	..
3301m	Exch 10½% 1997	106⅛	..	9.9	..
2513m	Treas 9¾% 1997	98⅛	..	9.1	..
1329m	Exch 15% 1997	132⅛	..	11.3	..
855m	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	85⅛	..	8.7	..
2909m	Exch 9¼% 1998	102	..	9.0	..
1520m	Treas 15½% 1998	137⅛	..	11.2	..
2908m	Exch 12% 1998	118⅛	..	10.3	..
1339m	Treas 9% 1999	101⅛	..	8.4	..
3436m	Exch 12¼% 1999	118⅛	..	10.3	..
1344m	Treas 10½% 1999	107⅛	..	9.8	..
1637m	Conv 10½% 1999	106⅛	..	9.8	..
——	Treas 8% 2000	95	..	8.9	..
2269m	Treas 13% 2000	124⅛	..	10.4	..
1380m	Conv 9% 2000	98⅛	..	9.2	..
1099m	Treas 10% 2001	104⅛	..	9.5	..
929m	Conv 9¼% 2001	103⅛	..	9.0	..
1599m	Treas 14% 1998-01	127⅛	..	11.0	..
1274m	Exch 9% 2002	98	..	9.2	..
754m	Conv 10% 2002	105⅛	..	9.5	..
1859m	Exch 12% 1999-02	119⅛	..	10.5	..
1501m	Treas 9¼% 2002	103⅛	..	8.4	..
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS					
1092m	Treas 10% 2003	106⅛	..	9.4	..
2306m	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	129⅛	..	10.6	..
2195m	Treas 11¼% 2001-04	115⅛	..	10.0	..
858m	Treas 10% 2004	106⅛	..	9.4	..
258m	Fund 3½% 1999-04	58⅛	..	6.0	..
1401m	Conv 9½% 2004	102⅛	..	9.2	..
1837m	Conv 9½% 2005	103	..	9.2	..
1117m	Exch 10½% 2005	111⅛	..	9.4	..
2773m	Treas 12½% 2003-05	125	..	9.9	..
1624m	Treas 9% 2002-06	90⅛	..	8.9	..
359m	Conv 9¼% 2006	105⅛	..	8.3	..
3760m	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	119⅛	..	9.8	..
1687m	Treas 13½% 2004-08	135⅛	..	10.0	..
1000m	Treas 9% 2008	100	..	9.0	..
908m	Treas 8% 2009	90⅛	..	8.8	..
388m	Conv 9% 2011	99⅛	..	9.0	..
671m	Treas 5½% 2008-12	67⅛	..	8.2	..
614m	Treas 7¼% 2012-15	87⅛	..	8.6	..
1285m	Exch 12% 2013-17	128⅛	..	9.3	..
UNDATED					
159m	Consols 4%	44⅛	..	8.1	..
748m	War Ln 3½%	39⅛	..	8.9	..
75m	Conv 3½%	51⅛	..	6.8	..
18m	Treas 3%	32⅛	..	9.3	..
76m	Consols 2½%	27⅛	..	9.0	..
132m	Treas 2½%	27⅛	..	9.0	..
INDEX-LINKED					
593m	Treas IL 2% 1990	118⅛	..	2.1	..
461m	Treas IL 2% 1992	106⅛	..	2.1	..
1317m	Treas IL 2% 1996	131⅛	..	2.3	..
987m	Treas IL2½% 2001	109⅛	..	3.0	..
858m	Treas IL2½% 2003	107⅛	..	3.0	..
1194m	Treas IL 2% 2006	108⅛	..	2.7	..
988m	Treas IL2½% 2009	101⅛	..	3.2	..
1324m	Treas IL2½% 2011	105⅛	..	3.3	..
178m	Treas IL2½% 2013	88	..	3.3	..
1529m	Treas IL2½% 2016	95⅛	..	3.3	..
1215m	Treas IL2½% 2020	93⅛	..	3.3	..
629m	Treas IL2½% 2024	78⅛	..	3.4	..

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
462.0m	Allied Irish	218	..	..	..	..
117.3m	Ansbacher (Henry)	84	●-5	2.7	4.2	27.4
863.4m	Aus New Z	174	-4	..	..	..
931.2m	Bankamerica	53¼	-⅛	..	..	..
352.7m	Bank of Ireland	218	..	..	b ..	..
1,066.5m	Bank Leumi Israel	216	..	..	..	..
22.0m	Bank Leumi UK	350	● ..	17.0	4.9	11.2
683.0m	Bank Of Scotland	548	-15	23.4	4.3	10.1
14.4m	Bank Of Wales	60	..	3.3	5.5	11.3
3,490.9m	Barclays (aa)	475	●-14	31.9	6.7	18.4
18.0m	Benchmark	30	+3	2.2	7.3	13.2
67.0m	Brown Shipley	425	-5	14.0	3.3	16.0
7,952.0m	Bus Mortgage	53	-3	1.4	2.6	11.4
65.4m	Caesar Allen	345	..	27.6	8.0	11.9
38.9m	Cattles	64	●-2	3.4	5.3	11.2
1,141.6m	Chase Manhattan	£13¼	-¼	..	..	..
3,230.4m	Citicorp	£10½	-⅛	..	..	..
54.4m	Close Bros	175	● ..	6.2	3.5	21.7
1,225.0m	Commerzbank	£72⅛	-6¼	..	..	..
3,617.9m	Deutsche Bank	£129⅛	-12⅛	..	..	..
6,294.0m	Equity & Gen	27	-2	15.8	58.5	10.5
329.9m	First Nat Finance	246	-1	12.0	4.8	8.0
254.9m	GPG	78	-4	..	..	13.1
120.0m	Gerrard Nat	315	+7	23.3	7.4	9.7
421.5m	Hambros	264	-6	12.1	4.6	10.3
2,086.0m	HK Shanghai	49	-3	3.3b	6.7	..
22.3m	Joseph (Leopold)	425	-15	18.0	4.3	17.8
23.0m	King & Shaxson	146	-2	12.0	8.2	14.7
488.5m	Kleinwort Benson	370	-15	19.2	5.2	7.6
2,166.8m	Lloyds (aa)	295	●-13	18.1	6.8	4.8
84.2m	Lon Scot Bk	48	+1	2.5	5.2	6.2
2,139.4m	Midland (aa)	361	●-19	27.5	7.0	5.1
382.8m	Morgan Grenfell	258	-10	14.9	5.8	10.8
1,035.1m	Nat Aust Bk	213	-5	..	..	..
4,328.8m	Nat West (aa)	561	●-17	32.9	5.9	9.8
84.2m	Ottoman	£168½	..	800	4.7	6.6
167.4m	Provident	339	●-7	21.9	6.5	8.8

BREWERIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
2,752.4m	Allied-Lyons (aa)	388	-10	16.2	4.4	10.9
2,883.6m	Bass (aa)	845	-21	38.8	3.2	12.6
66.0m	Bellhaven	46	+3	1.8	2.8	16.5
131.5m	Boddington	143	..	5.1	3.6	15.8
36.0m	Buckleys	108	+2	4.4	2.3	59.0
91.2m	Bulmer (H P)	176	+5	8.2	4.7	12.5
31.2m	Burtonwood Brew	150	..	4.0	2.7	84.2
33.4m	Clark (Matthew)	377	●-1	13.7	3.6	12.6
126.2m	Devenish (JA)	355	-10	4.1	1.2	28.5
238.1m	Greenall Whitley	209	-2	8.2	3.9	11.8
192.5m	Greene King	459	-15	9.3	2.0	23.6
2,492.1m	Guinness (aa)	304	-16	12.6	4.1	9.8
27.6m	Hardys & Hansons	695	+15	23.5	4.2	13.0
122.4m	Highland Dist	99	..	3.4	3.4	15.5
47.6m	Invergordon Dist	206	-4	7.9	3.8	12.6
137.7m	Irish Dist	220	-2	..	..	..
103.5m	Marston Thompson	119	+1	3.6	3.0	16.0
41.5m	Morland	203	+3	10.5	2.1	19.9
925.7m	SA Breweries	353	+25	..	..	..
948.9m	Scot & New (aa)	280	-34	11.3	4.3	14.5
249.3m	Vaux Grp	529	+12	19.6	3.7	18.2
1,228.6m	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	459	-13	12.6	4.2	12.6
53.6m	Do 'B'	335	..	12.6	3.8	13.7
198.1m	Whitbread Inv	311	-8	11.6	3.7	36.2
251.5m	Wolverhmptn & D	388	-2	8.0	2.1	16.5
11.1m	Young 'A'	385	+10	12.3	3.2	22.4

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
89.0m	Abbey	230	..	..	..	..
235.2m	Amec	365	-6	16.0	4.6	13.7
61.2m	Anglia Sec	400	-40	2.7	0.7	24.0
58.1m	Anglo Utd	43	● ..	1.4	3.1	63.3
6,850.0m	Arlington	113	●-4	4.5	3.9	6.7
155.1m	Attwoods	285	-18	8.9	3.1	16.2
1,128.3m	BPB Ind (aa)	277	-15	9.6	3.5	12.0
54.0m	Baggeridge Brick	280	..	4.5	1.6	12.5
3,814.0m	Bailey (Geo) Const	73	-½	1.9	2.6	15.1
345.9m	Barratt Devs	194	-13	12.8	6.5	12.7
60.7m	Bellway	240	-5	11.0	4.6	11.8
30.1m	Bellwinch	57	●-4	2.9	5.0	8.7
141.5m	Berkeley Gp	339	-38	3.8	1.1	19.7
13.9m	Bett Bros	93	-4	4.8	5.2	21.4
43.2m	Blockleys	260	+8	7.4	2.1	30.1
1,155.4m	Blue Circle (aa)	467	-18	18.5	1.9	12.5
31.0m	Bredon PLC	255	-6	8.7	3.4	27.1
20.6m	Br Dredging	120	-9	6.8	5.8	21.8
11.3m	Brown & Jackson	28	..	..	..	97.4
272.2m	Bryant	138	●-10	4.4	3.2	16.1
28.3m	Burnell & Hallam	7½	..	..	..	1.5
330.6m	CRH	117	●-1	..	..	..
9,828.0m	Calebrand Robey	111	-1	3.9	3.5	13.9
167.7m	Camdon	61	-7	10.3n	3.3	18.7
102.7m	Church Charles	118	-11	1.4	1.2	13.0
24.1m	Calder Grp	293	+6	6.2	2.1	33.1
8,413.0m	Cappon PLC	145	+30	2.4	1.7	79.2
523.7m	Costain	314	-18	12.2	3.9	11.4
68.3m	Countryside	284	●-13	3.8	6.3	13.5
154.0m	Crest Nicholson	205	-13	7.8	3.8	10.9
9,656.0m	Crosby James	98	●-3	5.4	2.7	..
43.7m	Douglas (RM)	260	-4	4.3b	1.5	22.6
33.1m	Ellis	101	..	3.4	3.4	20.8
25.5m	Federated Hag	379	●-34	8.9	2.5	10.2
20.7m	Finlan Gp	81	●+3	6.2	7.7	12.2
39.5m	Galliford	80	●-5	3.7	4.3	13.2
4,002.0m	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	220	..	8.4b	3.8	40.6
49.0m	Gleeson (M.J)	460	-5	9.1	1.9	11.7
27.6m	Harrison Ind	233	-4	8.3	3.5	14.4
83.2m	Henderson	380	..	11.6	3.1	34.0
127.7m	Hewden-Stuart	107	-1	2.7	2.5	11.2
149.8m	Heywood Williams	305	●-10	13.0	4.3	11.0
118.2m	Higgs & Hill	363	+1	10.8	3.0	16.8
13.8m	Howard Hdgs	69	-1	1.9	3.5	10.0
528.0m	Ibstock Johnsen	167	-38	8.0	4.8	17.3
9,710.0m	Jarvis (J) & Sons	119	● ..	2.4	2.0	..
134.0m	Laing (J)	303	-2	8.3	2.7	10.9
129.1m	Do 'A'	303	-2	8.3	2.7	10.9
84.5m	Lawrence (Walter)	140	-11	6.8	4.1	12.8
31.8m	Lilley (FJC)	38½	-1	..	..	8.1
139.8m	Lovell (Y.J)	347	●-12	8.0	2.3	12.2
411.5m	Magnet (ple)	283	-22	8.6	3.0	14.3
68.4m	Manders	397	-1	14.[illegible]	3.9	20.2
432.2m	Marley	157	..	11.6	3.7	16.4
107.9m	Marshalls (Halifax)	391	●-2	8.9	3.4	17.8
22.7m	Maunders (J)	91	-6	2.0	2.2	14.7
153.7m	McAlpine (Alfred)	238	-7	21.5	9.0	8.8
243.9m	McCarthy & S	460	-1	8.0	1.7	14.8
362.2m	Meyer Int	375	-7	9.9	2.7	12.2
4,200.0m	Miller (Stanley)	70	-5	1.7	2.4	48.0
356.1m	Mowlem (John)	416	●-18	22.3	5.3	12.4
135.2m	Newarthill	113½	..	3.1	2.7	25.1
112.7m	Newman Tonks	178	●-4	10.8	6.0	13.0
108.7m	Persimmon	168	●-17	5.1	1.8	12.8
14.1m	Phoenix Timber	102	-2	3.1	3.3	13.5
7,444.0m	Richards	230	..	21.0	9.1	11.1
891.2m	RMC Gp (aa)	487	-10	18.4	3.8	15.7
125.7m	Raine Ind	98	-5	1.9	1.9	20.2
1,147.1m	Redland (aa)	434	-18	16.7	4.4	12.0
95.3m	Ruberoid	194	-13	4.9	3.3	13.6
350.5m	Rugby Group	245	-15	11.0	4.7	11.0
104.1m	Sandek Perlite	207	-3	8.2	3.7	18.5
43.6m	Sharpe & Fisher	282	+17	8.3	2.1	14.5
12.0m	Smart (J)	120	..	2.2	1.8	17.9
26.4m	Ros Bros	93	●-5	2.4	2.5	17.7
477.2m	Rothschild (J) Hld	185	..	8.2	6.0	8.8
999.7m	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	340	-32	17.4	5.1	8.6
238.0m	Schroders	89½	-½	22.6	2.4	11.0
695.1m	Stand Chart (aa)	440	-40	48.0	10.9	5.5
1,620.0m	TSB (aa)	108	●-2	5.3	4.9	7.2
101.8m	Union	543	8 ..	29.5	5.4	12.5
628.6m	Warburg SG	342	-5	14.4	4.2	..
51.4m	Do 9% 'A'	121	●-2	6.2	6.6	..
1,564.0m	Wells Fargo	129⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
38.2m	Winbrush	453	●+6	8.8	1.9	17.8

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
6,037.000	Audio Fidelity	122	+6	0.7	0.6	9.5
176.6m	Auto Sec	252	+1	3.0	1.2	16.4
7,560.000	Beacon Gp	44	..	..	..	..
0,482.0m	Bennett & Fountain	35	-1	1.0	2.9	17.9
693.5m	BICC (aa)	304	-29	17.8	5.9	16.0
137.5m	BSR	82	-5	3.0	3.7	8.6
36.9m	Blick	183	●+9	5.8	3.2	13.3
54.1m	Borland	110	+4	..	..	..
280.1m	Bowthorpe	167	-19	4.6b	2.8	12.7
39.8m	Brilliannia Security	207	●-2	2.7	1.3	17.1
14,340.0m	Br Telecom (aa)	248½	-10½	12.1	4.9	11.9
62.0m	Brown Bovert Kent	108	+2	5.1	4.7	11.1
4,420.000	Belgin (AF) 'A'	17	-1	0.1	0.6	28.8
77.8m	CAP Group	194	-6	2.6	1.3	18.6
53.6m	CASE	81	+1	0.1	0.1	8.8
3,326.0m	Cable Wireless (aa)	326	●-21	6.0	2.5	16.3
83.7m	Cambridge Elec	218	●-17	11.8	5.3	11.0
39.0m	Cambridge Instr	40	-1	1.0	2.5	4.4
121.5m	Calcindo	52	-2	2.6	5.0	14.2
165.5m	Cray Elect	232	●+2	3.7	1.6	14.0
47.7m	Crystalate	155	-5	6.0	3.2	7.5
3,880.000	DDT Group	67	-8	1.6	2.8	10.1
11.0m	Dale Elec	88	●+3	5.1	5.8	18.2
1,800.000	Dewhurst	50	●-1	1.9	3.8	11.3
1,800.000	Do 'A'	50	●+2	1.9	3.8	11.3
68.1m	Domino	331	●-4	3.8	1.1	18.5
62.8m	Dowding & Mills	61	..	2.4	3.9	15.0
54.9m	Dubilier	151	●-5	4.9	3.2	8.3
605.7m	Electrocomponents	199	●-1	5.3	2.7	16.5
9,955.000	Elec Data Process	118	●+5	2.9	2.5	9.7
1,841.000	Electronic Mach	75	..	1.2	1.6	91.5
103.8m	Emess	413	-8	11.0n	2.7	15.9
98.7m	Eurosherm	350	●-7	8.2	2.3	12.8
665.8m	FKI Babcock	125	-10	2.2	1.7	17.1
196.9m	Farnell Elect	158	-1	4.1	2.6	14.3
605.6m	Ferranti (aa)	81	-4	2.8	3.5	11.3
21.3m	Forward Tech	53	..	1.0	1.6	11.9
3,885.0m	GEC (aa)	146	●-3	7.7	5.3	9.3
4,288.000	Highland Elect	49	-2	3.4	6.9	7.3
97.1m	Holdings Gp	285	-10	2.9	1.1	23.8
16.8m	ITL Gp	55	-2	2.7	4.9	..
32.3m	Jones Stroud	175	● ..	7.2	4.1	11.5
21.3m	Kode	392	●-1	21.3	5.5	12.4
19.1m	Lec Refrigeration	317	-4	17.1	5.4	15.1
120.7m	Lectrak	344	●-10	2.8	1.1	17.1
59.3m	Micro 4	274	●-5	4.5	1.6	24.8
53.6m	Mesmec	196	-29	5.7	2.9	12.9
52.7m	MBS	78	+2	1.4	1.8	16.5
78.7m	Microfilm Repro	403	●-12	4.3	1.1	39.8
18.6m	Micro Focus	138	-7	..	..	..
108.1m	Microgen	276	●-7	7.5	2.7	17.2
118.4m	Mod	180	-18	..	..	..
——	Modwest	220½	+½	..	..	..
8,850.000	Multicore Elect	59	-1	2.1b	3.6	44.4
9,900.000	Murray Elect	33	-7	0.3	0.9	86.8
8,933.000	Nemark (Lewis)	206	..	10.6	5.6	14.3
211.4m	NEI	95½	-13½	7.2p	7.5	15.3
16.5m	NMW Comp	76	-10	4.3	5.5	11.4
20.7m	Oceonics	19	●-4	..	..	3.8
110.8m	Oxford Instruments	230	●-4	3.4	1.5	8.4
31.1m	E International	195	-5	4.8	2.5	13.4
57.4m	Peak	63	-2	..	..	..
57.4m	Pilcom	63	..	1.1	1.7	28.3
30.8m	Philips Fin 5½%	230½	-16	3.2	1.4	8.3
2,289.1m	Philips Lamps N/V	63½	..	8.0b	7.1	..
6,382.000	Pilco	248	-8	8.6	3.9	9.9
3,141.000	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	180	-6	6.0	4.9	7.2
1,177.3m	Pressey (aa)	159	-1	7.5	5.0	10.0
39.2m	Prestwich	74	-1	2.3	3.1	13.3
15.8m	Quest Automation	62	●-1	1.4	1.7	11.9
1,283.7m	Racal Elect (aa)	221	-3	4.9	2.2	18.7
5,612.000	Ross	118	+3	1.6	1.3	13.3
2,000.000	Scapa	118	-8	1.4	1.2	25.6
69.0m	Scholes (GH)	460	●-10	20.6	4.5	14.8
38.9m	Sound Diffusion	25	..	0.6	2.9	7.5
1,316.0m	STC (aa)	235	●-11	9.6	4.0	13.9
68.3m	System Designers	60	..	0.8	1.3	21.2
2,378.1m	TDK	£16⅛	..	..	..	..
181.9m	Telephone Rentals	394	-14	11.0	5.4	16.3
4,589.000	Telemech	28	-6	..	..	1.9
44.7m	Thorn Scientific	157	-1	4.7	3.4	20.8
1,823.4m	THORN EMI (aa)	692	-38	26.7	4.5	14.0
63.2m	Tunstall	396	-12	4.5	1.1	18.6
834.0m	UEI	338	-7	8.4	2.5	17.8
61.4m	Unilech	108	●-4	11.5	7.7	14.0
165.5m	Utd Scientific	180	-4	9.0	4.7	14.8
201.9m	VG Instruments	403

HORIZONS

A guide to career choice

A snug life in the thatch

A head for heights can be an asset in more than one sense in the luxury industry of thatching, says Ann Hills in the first of three articles on life in the country

Robert West, founder of the Thatching Advisory Service, says: "The market can afford the luxury of a wonderful roof." Despite its name, TAS is a commercial enterprise — which he claims is the biggest of its kind in Europe — thatching roofs, training thatchers and tackling new ventures.

"We will be thatching up to 200 houses in Kent — the biggest development of its kind. A consortium are in the last stages of getting planning permission," Mr West claims. The finance is mainly Danish, with contributions from Holland, Germany and Britain.

Thatch is "in" and he is optimistic that career challenges are there for the taking. "A dozen houses in Milton Keynes were put up for sale — the four which were thatched were priced at £10,000 more, but they sold first," says Mr West, who is the author of a recent book called *Thatch* (published by David and Charles).

Seventeen years after he started, his company has two dozen staff and a turnover of £1 million a year. That doubles to £2 million, including franchises, running their own businesses with TAS support. The fee for recruits is £12,000, including training and necessary back-up. A mere 1 per cent are female among entrants who need "physical fitness and a good eye and a head for heights."

From this spring, thatched summer houses are to be sold in garden centres around the country and inside them TAS franchises will sell services, goods and even thatched properties on behalf of estate agents. These Master Thatcher shops may also tempt future trainees.

The success of extroverts in thatching has caused ripples of rivalry in a highly traditional craft. Among the modern luminaries is Mike Phillips, who began thatching at the age of 18 in Somerset in 1963. "It was so cold the first couple of days that I asked the owner if I could leave sandwiches on her Aga to stop them freezing." The weather didn't deter him from completing his training and forming his own business — Reedways.

Twenty-five years later Reedways is flourishing. A lorry load of reed from the Carmargue arrived outside his warehouse, beside the ancient church in the picturesque village of Barrington, Somerset. "I had two loads of this French reed previously," he explained as assistant Tim Pepper manoeuvred the bundles off the lorry with a fork lift truck. He also buys thatching materials from Austria and Hungary and grows his own reed up in Scotland in the Tay estuary.

The company employs about 16 staff, from office managers running the computerized orders and accounts, colleagues working on new lines, such as screens and insulated ceiling boards, thatchers and reed cutters permanently based in Scotland.

The biggest investment is in three Danish-made Seiga Harvesters (about £60,000 each) which mechanize harvesting of water reeds: "We hire out two," says Mr West, explaining the machine's other uses, such as in surveying and mapping. Mike has a few complaints — Norfolk Broad reed isn't being exploited commercially, which could be done without damage since it regenerates naturally. Sadder, though, pollution is becoming a problem.

Conservationists, tourists and owners appreciate the ecological merits and comforts of natural straw and reed. Fire risks have been reduced through sensible maintenance of roof and wiring under thatch. But, despite progress, career opportunities exist on a small scale — open to determined newcomers who are prepared to take a low wage as a trainee or (especially for late arrivals) undertake intensive courses, usually via TAS. Mike estimates that even with the upturn, and with a network of professional associations, thatchers in this country number fewer than 1,000.

A former Reedways trainee was on a roof in the neighbouring hamlet that afternoon. Adrian Ward had bought his reed for Mike for this lengthy job on a large cottage. "Some years ago in America I worked on the biggest thatch roof in the world, in Cape Cod: the measurement from eave to ridge was 64 ft. That job — a shop in the style of an Irish castle — took six thatchers several months. We all trained with Mike," said Adrian, taking a brief break from tackling a window surround.

Adrian had previously worked in Canada on a copy of a 17th century settler's barn, but such heritage jobs didn't keep him from Somerset for long. "I'm on my own now, with one assistant, earning a living; not an awful lot. On the wintry early afternoon he was tempted by somewhere warm, abroad. "I've had a letter from Australia where they might do a replica of the Globe Theatre..." He climbed back up with a bundle of reeds. Weather apart, thatching was a career both Mike and Adrian chose as rural teenagers.

Back at Reedways, his assistant Tim Pepper was arranging a visit to price a job. His own background was varied — among other things he "extracted venom from snakes to produce a drug, and eventually drifted into thatching." Having approached up to 40 thatchers, he became a trainee in Hampshire, then went on his own in Devon for eight years before joining Mike on the sales side — estimating, selling reed, driving lorries, hiring out the machines.

As Tim departed, Eric and Sue Puffett arrived in a pick-up truck to buy the freshly-stacked Camargue reed. Sue, aged 28, is a rare creature — a female, graduate thatcher. "I read social and economic history at Bristol, then worked as a secretary in London for a Greek shipping company. She met up with Eric as he was coming out of the Army at the age of 40, three years ago. Using his gratuity to start a second career, he took an intensive course with the Thatching Advisory Service — "the best he could do at his age," said Sue. The couple moved to Devon and began working as thatchers.

"He taught me", continued Sue "I lack strength for carrying ladders, but we work together as a team without arguments. There is enjoyment in seeing the job done but not every woman would want to go round in scruffy gear. My friends think I'm mad."

A distinct bonus is that customers, who pay on average £4,000 to £5,000 for a new thatch, tend to become friends: "There is no social divide," said Sue. This purchase of reed was for a 16th century house belonging to the parents of friends.

She, and the other thatchers I met, can earn a decent wage and enjoy an interesting outdoor life.

A dozen local master thatchers associations cover England from Devon and Cornwall to the North. Together they form a national council under the auspices of CoSIRA which, in turn, has three thatching officers. A two-year new entrants scheme is run for younger people, who are expected to have a long-term training position with a thatcher. The courses are assessed jointly by CoSIRA and City & Guilds.

● *Details from CoSIRA, 141 Castle Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3TP (0722 336255).*

Advisory Service Ltd, Rose Tree Farm, 29 Nine Mile Ride, Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berkshire RG11 4QD (0734 730766). Free booklets on this industry, copies of a magazine called Thatch on request.

EDUCATIONAL

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN ENGINEERING LECTURESHIPS

Arising from a series of important new developments in the Faculty of Engineering, applications are invited for six new lectureships available from September 1988. In each case, the University is seeking to extend the present range of research activities. Excellent opportunities will be available to new staff to establish and develop their own interests in both teaching and research.

Department of Civil and Structural Engineering (Ref. R.765/A)
1 Lectureship
1 Temporary Lectureship (for three years in the first instance)

These posts are the first of a series of appointments planned for the next three years, intended to expand the teaching and research activities of the Department of Civil and Structural Engineering.
Applicants should have interests in one or more of the following subject areas:
*Structural Dynamics *Geotechnics
*Structures *Computer-Aided Design
*Construction Management
Informal enquiries should be addressed to Professor T. H. Hanna (0742-768555 ext 5061)

Department of Control Engineering (Ref. R.763/A)
1 Lectureship

This post is the last in a series of new appointments made available as part of the Engineering and Technology Programme.
Applicants should have experience in one or more of the following subject areas:
*Computer-Aided Design *Real-Time Control
*Expert Systems *Process Modelling and Simulation
*Signal Processing
Informal enquiries should be addressed to Mr. E. Rose (0742-768555 ext 5133).

School of Materials (Ref. R.766/A)
2 Lectureships

These posts form part of a major initiative in the field of composite materials which will build upon the existing expertise of the School of Materials in this area. As part of this expansion, a substantial investment is being made in advanced facilities for surface analysis. Further appointments are planned over the next four years.
Applicants should have expertise in the following areas:
*Polymer composite materials *Advanced ceramic composites
Informal enquiries should be addressed to Professor J. E. Bailey (0742-768555 ext 6141).

Department of Mechanical and Process Engineering
(Ref. R.767/A) 1 Lectureship

This post is the second in a series of appointments planned as part of an interdisciplinary development in Design and Manufacture involving collaboration with the Departments of Computer Science and Control Engineering and with the School of Management and Economic Studies.
Applicants should have experience in one of the following areas:
*Computer-aided engineering techniques in machine element and systems design
*Electronic/real-time computer control of manufacturing systems
*The use of IKBS to link elements of the design-manufacture process
Informal enquiries should be addressed to Professor D. R. Hayhurst (0742-768555 ext 5441).

Except in the School of Materials, where appointments will be restricted to the Grade A scale, salaries will be on either the Grade A or Grade B scales for non-clinical lecturers (£9,260 – £14,500 per annum or £15,105 – £19,310 per annum) according to age, qualifications and experience.
Further particulars are available from the Personnel Department (Academic Staffing), The University, Sheffield S10 2TN to which applications (6 copies) should be submitted by 22 April 1988. Please quote the appropriate reference number.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

SENIOR LECTURER IN SOCIAL WORK

Applications are invited for this newly established post in the School of Social Work in the Department of Social Policy and Social Work, available from September 1st, 1988. Applicants must be professionally qualified with a proven record in social work practice, research and education. Applicant's experience and interests may be in any area of social work. The appointee will play a key role in the development of the School of Social Work in which Dr. Howard Parker has recently been appointed as the University's first Professor of Social Work. Salary in the range p.a. £20,270 to £22,910. Superannuation. For informal discussion ring Professor Wilding (061-275 4785) or Dr. Howard Parker (051-709 6022). Further particulars and application forms (returnable by April 14th, 1988) from the Registrar, The University, Manchester M13 9PL (Tel. 061-275 2028). Quote ref. 70/88/T/. The University is an equal opportunities employer.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER
MANCHESTER BUSINESS SCHOOL

CHAIR IN STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT

The University invites applications for a newly funded Chair in Strategic Management. The person appointed will join Professor D.F.Channon in developing a major research initiative in strategic management. The salary will be in the normal professional range with U.S.S. superannuation benefits. Informal enquiries should be made to either Professor Channon or the Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration. Detailed applications (suitable for photocopying) containing the names of three referees should reach the Registrar, The University, Manchester M13 9PL (from whom further particulars may be obtained) before May 16th (Tel: 061 275 2028) Quote ref. 69/88/T. The University is an equal opportunities employer.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

CHAIR IN PSYCHOLOGY

Applications are invited for a Chair in Psychology. The appointment will date from 1 April 1989 or such date as may be arranged.

The salary will be related to the professorial range with a minimum salary of £23,380 p.a., together with normal pension arrangements.

Applications (twelve copies), including the names of three referees, must be submitted not later than Friday, 22 April 1988 to the Registrar and Secretary, Old Shire Hall, Durham DH1 3HP, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

(Candidates outside the British Isles need submit one copy only.)

U.S. COLLEGE FACULTY:

SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

Experienced faculty members with graduate degrees needed for expanding programs in architecture, art history, computer art, graphic design, illustration, historic preservation, interior design, photography, and video. The College offers Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Architecture, and Master of Fine Arts degree programs. Nine months salary of $31,200. Interviews will be conducted in London in May. Positions available beginning September 1988. Send cover letter, resume, and slides to: Search Committee, S.C.A.D., P.O. Box 3146, Savannah, GA 31402.

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

DAVY CHAIR IN MANUFACTURIN ORGAINISATION

Applications are invited for an exciting and unique professorial appointment with equal commitment to an academic role in the University and an executive responsibility in the Davy Morris Company. The Professor will be a member of staff of the Department of Manufacturing Engineering.

Davy Morris, located in Loughborough, is part of the multi-national Davy Corporation and is the UK's leading manufacturer of hoists, cranes and automated mechanical handling systems. The Company has, during the last few years, embarked upon a significant investment programme directed towards the implementation of advanced manufacturing technology.

The successful candidate will have experience of working in the field of A.M.T. but may be either an academic or industrial specialist. He or she will be commercially minded and be able to contribute to the development of company strategy as well as providing academic leadership at the University.

The academic salary will be within the professorial range (minimum £23380 and average £28820 per annum and subject to further national review from 1 April 1988) but this will be enhanced by an industrial supplement which will be negotiated directly with Davy Morris. Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Acting Registrar, Loughborough Leicestershire

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UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

MUSEUM OF ARCHEOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

Applications invited for an Assistant Curatorship (£9865 x 6 - £13365) tenable for a period of up to 5 years from 1 October 1988, with the possibility of renewal. Person appointed will be responsible to the Curator for the care and development of the large and internationally important post-Palaeolithic archaeological collections, and may undertake some teaching for the Department of Archaeology. Familiarity with ethno-archaeology and/or anthropology an advantage. The appointee will play a major role in the current project for computerising the Museum's entire documentation system, covering both the archaeological and anthropological collections. He/she will have some opportunity for individual research and will be responsible for facilitating use of the collections by other researchers, especially in the field of local archaeology.

Further particulars are to be obtained from the Secretary to the Appointments Committee, Faculty of Archaeology and Anthropology, Downing Street, Cambridge CB2 3DZ, by whom detailed applications, with curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of two referees, are to be received not later than 30 April 1988.

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

DEPARTMENT OF TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

LECTURSHIPS (2)

(a) **Lecturer in TOWN and COUNTRY PLANNING with a special interest in DESIGN**

The Department seeks a lecturer with proven ability in design, interested in new approaches to planning action and property development processes. Applicants should have professional qualifications and experience in planning, architecture or landscape design and preferably have had research experience.

The Department has a longstanding emphasis on teaching and research on design aspects of planning and has close links with the Department of Architecture.

The person appointed will be expected to develop teaching programmes for both undergraduate and graduate courses as a member of a team and to take some administrative and tutorial roles within the Department.

In filling the post the Department seeks to appoint a person committed to the development of a team approach, research and consultancy work.

(b) **Lecturer in TOWN and COUNTRY PLANNING with a special interest in PLANNING and PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT**

The department is seeking to expand both current teaching and research in the development process by the appointment of a lecturer who has recent professional experience in this area. It is anticipated that applicants should have qualifications in estate management and/or planning and an interest in research development.

The person appointed will be a member of a team which has considerable experience in research and teaching urban development processes. He/she will be required to develop teaching programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels and initially to carry out administrative and tutorial roles in respect of the second year of the undergraduate course.

The person appointed will be expected to play an active role in the development of research, or research consultancy and be committed to team work.

The appointments will be from 1st October 1988. The salary range will be Grade A £9,260 - £14,500 p.a. or Grade B £15,105-£19,310 p.a. according to qualifications and experience.

Further particulars from the Senior Assistant Registrar (Establishments) The University, 6 Kensingtgton Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RU with whom applications (3 copies) with the names and addresses of three referees, should be lodged by 28th April 1988. Informal enquiries to Professor Patsy Healey, Department of Town and Country Planning (Tel. 091-232 8511 ext.3800).

UNIVERSITY OF READING

Department of Economics

Applicants are invited for two lectureships from 1 October 1988. One vacancy is in permanent post and the other for a fixed term of 5 years. Salary £9260 to £14500 p.a. (Grade A) plus USS/USDPS benefits. Applicants in any field are welcome, but candidates in the fields of econometrics and international economics preferred. Further particulars and application forms (2 copies) are available from

The Personnel Office, University of Reading, Whiteknights, PO Box 217, Reading, RG6 2AH, telephone (0734) 875123 ext. 220.

Please quote Ref.AC.8810. Closing date 22 April 1988.

London Business School

DOCTORAL STUDIES

The School offers generous bursaries for assistantships to well-qualified applicants who wish to make a career in management education in the UK, and who wish to seek to enter the profession through Doctoral Studies at LBS.
While candidates from all areas are welcome, the School is particularly interested in those proposing research relevant to management in production and marketing. An Assistantship will involve limited teaching or research duties, to be negotiated with the supervisor.
Applicants should send their CVs and three references to Professor Michael Beesley, Director of the Doctoral Programme, London Business School, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4SA, England.
Closing date for applications: Friday, 29 April, 1988.

LONDON BUSINESS SCHOOL

THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN

The Council of the School of Pharmacy invites applications or nominations for the appointment of Dean of the School to succeed Professor F Fish B Pharm PhD FPS, who will retire in 1988.

The appointment is full-time. Membership of the Universities Superannuation Scheme is available. A flat is available on a service tenancy.

Correspondence should be addressed to the Chairman, Sir Graham Wilkins, at Thorn EMI plc, 4 Tenterden Street, Hanover Square, London, W1A 2AY, from whom further details of the Deanship may be obtained on request by letter only. All envelopes must be marked CONFIDENTIAL DS. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 3 May 1988.

University of London
BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION

Institute of Psychiatry Chair of Neuroscience and Head of Department

The Senate invites applications for the newly established Chair of Neuroscience tenable at the Institute of Psychiatry. The Professor of Neuroscience will play a major part in the development of the Institute's established strengths in the basic sciences relevant to psychiatry and neurology, such as neurochemistry and neuropharmacology, as well as in new fields such as molecular biology. Applicants, who may be from clinical or non-clinical backgrounds, should possess a proven record of academic leadership and excellence in research.

Applications (11 copies) should be submitted to the Teachers' Section (T), University of London, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU, from whom further particulars should first be obtained.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 29 April 1988

University of Leicester
Department of Economics

Postgraduate Studies in Economics

The Department of Economics invites applications from good graduates for the following postgraduate courses.
(1) M.A. in Business Analysis
(2) M.A. in Economic Development
(3) M.A. in Economics of Public Policy
(4) Postgraduate Diploma in Economics

All of the above courses are normally taken over nine months, but may be taken over two years in special circumstances.

Optional courses offered include Business Finance and the Capital Market; Multinational Enterprises; Business Forecasting; Business Computing; Business Organisation; Government/Industry Relations; Project Appraisal and Budgeting; International Economics and Development; Political Economy and Public Choice and Economics of Public Enterprises.

The Department also provides supervision for ph.D degrees by research.

Further details and application forms can be obtained from Miss D. Green, Department of Economics, University of Leicester, LEICESTER LE1 7RH.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON STUDENTS' UNION FINANCE OFFICER

Applications are invited from qualified Accountants or suitably experienced persons for the above post.

The Students' Union is a vibrant and diverse organisation providing facilities and services to some 6,400 student members.

Salary will be within the Grade 3 Scale for Academically Related Staff (£16,345 - £19,310) plus superannuation and generous holidays.

Further particulars may be obtained from

The Permanent Secretary,
University of Southampton Students' Union,
Highfield, Southampton S09 5NH.

(Envelopes marked CONFIDENTIAL F.O.1.). Closing date for applications is 22nd April.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

DIRECTOR OF THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE

The post of Director of the Careers Advisory Service of the University of Nottingham becomes available on 1 September 1988, consequent upon the retirement of the present Head. The Director is responsible for the provision of an effective careers information and guidance service to present and past students of the University.

The appointment will be made within the Administrative Grade 6, for which the minimum salary is £23,380 per annum.

Applications are invited from graduates with appropriate experience, including those who have a successful record of careers advisory work within Higher Education.

Application forms and further particulars, returnable not later than 29 April 1988, from the Staff Appointments Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD. Tel. 0602 506101 (484848 after 31 March 1988) ext 3355. Ref. No.1145.

ST. CATHARINE'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

College Lectureship in French

The College intends to appoint with effect from 1 October 1988, a College Lecturer to teach French Literature and Language for both parts of the Modern and Medieval Language Tripos. The Lecturer will also be elected to a Fellowship, and it will in all probability be expected to be Director of Studies in Modern Languages.

The appointment will be for three years in the first instance. The salary will be equivalent to that of a University Assistant Lecturer. Further particulars may be obtained from the Master's Secretary, St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, CB2 1RL.

QUEEN MARY COLLEGE
(University of London)

CENTRE FOR COMMERCIAL LAW STUDIES

Lectureship in Banking Law and Financial Services
Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in Banking Law and/or Financial Services within the Centre for Commercial Law Studies. The appointee will be responsible for the teaching of these subjects under the direction of the Sir John Lubbock Professor of Banking Law. He/she will be expected to devote part at least of his/her research activities to these subjects and make a contribution to the organising of the conference programmes of the Centre's Banking Law Unit.

The appointment will be made on the salary scale of either Lecturer A (£9,260 - £14,500) or Lecturer B (£15,105 - £19,310) and London allowance of £1,450. Application forms and further details are available from the Assistant Personnel Officer, Queen Mary College, Mile End Road, London E1 4NS. Please quote Ref: 88/33.

The closing date for return of applications is Friday 22 April 1988.

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON
University of London

LECTURESHIP IN FRENCH LAW

Applications are invited for the above post in the Faculty of Laws which is for three years from 1 October 1988 with salary in the Lecturer scale (£10,710 to £20,760 including London Allowance) commensurate with qualifications and experience. Candidates should have a French legal qualification.
Further details and application forms are available from Mr. G.A. Cuthbert, Assistant Personnel Officer, King's College London, Strand, London WC2R 2LS. Closing date for receipt of applications 29 April 1988.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

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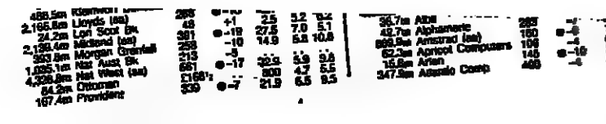

Damages for economic loss in tort not payable

Greater Nottingham Co-Operative Society Ltd v Cementation Piling and Foundations Ltd and Others

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Mann

[Judgment March 23]

Sub-contactors were not liable in tort for pecuniary loss dissociated from physical damage since the parties had directly entered into a collateral contract with the employers which was inconsistent with any assumption by the sub-contractors of a duty not to cause such loss to the employers.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the sub-contactors, Cementation Piling and Foundations Ltd, against that part of the judgment of the late Judge Smout, QC, sitting as an official referee, that held that they were liable to Greater Nottingham Co-Operative Society Ltd for such loss as they might prove pursuant to the amended statement of claim which did not result from physical damage to an adjoining restaurant.

Mr Walter Aylen, QC, Mr Michael Stephen and Mr Jonathan Bellamy for the society; Mr John Dyson, QC and Miss Alison Foster for the sub-contractors.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that the appeal raised questions of law concerning the recovery of damages for economic loss arising out of a breach of duty in tort.

Cementation were the nominated sub-contractors and the main contract between the society and the main contractor provided for extension and alteration works to the society's premises at Skegness.

As well as the sub-contract there was also a direct collateral agreement between the society and Cementation under which Cementation gave certain warranties. The sub-contract work consisted of the provision of piles upon which the extension was to be build.

Immediately adjoining the site was the Windsor Restaurant owned by the Ling family. Piling commenced but owing to the negligent operation of the equipment damage was occasioned to the fabric of the restaurant.

The Ling family brought a separate action for damages against the society which was settled and the society carried out in addition further remedial works to the restaurant. Cementation did not dispute that they were liable to the society for that.

The society claimed against Cementation additional damages which the official referee awarded to them and which formed the subject matter of the appeal, namely (B) additional cost to the society paid under the main contract as a result of executing the revised piling scheme; (C) additional sums paid by the society to the main contractor for loss and expense and fluctuations under the contract during 33 weeks' delay; and (D) the society's consequential economic loss due to delayed completion.

The appeal was concerned solely with the recovery of damages in tort. That arose out of the negligent operation of the drilling equipment which resulted in a combination of effects causing the damage.

Mr Aylen contended, *inter alia*, that the damages awarded under (B), (C) and (D) were not recoverable apart from minor elements possibly referable to physical damage not relevant for consideration on the appeal, since they represeed consequential pecuniary loss not associated with physical damage and were not, therefore, recoverable in tort.

He relied on *Spartan Steel & Alloys Ltd v Martin & Co (Contractors) Ltd* ([1973] QB 27) and *Anns v Merton London Borough Council* ([1978] AC 728), and submitted that the ambit of claims where pecuniary loss could be recovered as damages in tort ought severely to be restricted.

Since the decisions in *Spartan Steel* and *Junior Books Ltd v Veitchi Co Ltd* ([1983] 1 AC 520) there had been two important exegeses, the judgments of Lord Justice Robert Goff in *Muirhead v Industrial Tank Specialities Ltd* ([1986] QB 507) and Lord Justice Bingham in *Simaan General Contracting Co v Pilkington Glass Ltd (The Times* February 18).

The court's task was to consider whether the course taken by the official referee in threading his way through the maze of edict and authority was the correct path in the light of the facts at which he had arrived.

His critical findings were:

1 An act of negligence in operating the drilling equipment by the servant of A (Cementation).

2 Physical damage to the property of B (Windsor) who were neighbours both geographically and legally of C (the society).

3 Economic loss suffered by C as the foreseeable consequence of the negligence of A's servant.

4 A contractual relationship between A and C which contained warranties not relevant to the negligence of A's servant.

Mr Aylen submitted that the further economic loss sustained by C as a result of the foreseeable consequences of that negligence was as a matter of policy and law not recoverable.

There was no precedent for the application of strict logic in treading the path leading from the basic principle established in *Donoghue v Stevenson* ([1932] AC 562) towards the Pandora's box of unbridled damages at the end of the path of foreseeability.

That it was a field in which the law had properly applied policy restrictions was justified by a glance at the position reached on the other side of the Atlantic where damages awarded in respect of medical and surgical negligence was, it was believed, affecting the proper execution by surgeons and others of their professional tasks to the detriment of their patients.

With one vital exception the position in the present case marched step by step with the "checklist" to be found in the speech of Lord Roskill in *Junior Books* (at p546), namely (1) the appellants were nominated sub-contractors; (2) they were specialists; (3) they were fully appraised of the requirement and responsibilities of the main contract; (4) they were solely resonsible for the provision of piles; (5) the society relied upon the appellants' skill and experience, saving only the intervention of expert engineers and architects; (6) the appellants must have known that the society relied upon their skill and experience but as to his item (7), in the present case, there was actual privity of contract, which was not present in *Junior Books*.

If one was to extend the concept of the *Donoghue v Stevenson* duty beyond the occurrence or danger of physical damage then it should only be done as a matter of policy in special cases, for example *Hedley Byrne & Co Ltd v Heller & Partners Ltd* ([1964] AC 465) and similar situations.

That introduced the concept of a relationship between the parties creating reliance by on upon the other to the latter's knowledge and accepted by the latter for the purpose of creating a special duty towards the former.

Both *Muirhead* and *Simaan* were cases concerned with the provision of defective goods in a situation where the tortfeasor had no direct contractual relationship with the victim. The central point of distinction in the present case was what impact upon the otherwise close relationship should the existence of the contract between Cementation and the society have on tortious liability.

In considering whether there should be a concurrent but more extensive liability in tort as between the parties arising out of the execution of the contract, it was relevant to bear in mind that the parties had an actual opportunity to define their relationship by means of contract and took it, and that the general contractual structure as between the society, the main contracor and Cementation, as well as the professional advisers, provided a channel of claim which was open to the society such as Lord Justice Bingham mentioned in *Simaan* as being available.

Although it was new ground it would not be in accordance with *present policy to extend Junior Books* rather than to restrict it. That gave rise to an apparent inconsistency, namely the effect of enhancing the close relationship upon which Lord Roskill based his duty in tort in *Junior Books* by adding a direct contractual relationship did not confirm a duty to avoid economic loss but negatived that liability.

But in this compartment of consideration it was not only the proximity of the relationship giving rise to reliance which was crucial but also the policy of the law as to whether or not in those circumstances damages for pecuniary loss ought to be recovered.

In order to establish the *Hedley Byrne* type of liability, it had to be possible to cull from the close relationship of the parties the assumption by the alleged tortfeasor of a duty of care not to cause pecuniary loss to the victim.

In the *Hedley Byrne* case the relationship was not affected by a direct contractual relationship and that was also the position in *Junior Books*.

In the present case the contract was significantly silent as to liability for the manner in which the work was executed. Once it was established that there was no general liability in tort for pecuniary loss dissociated from physical damage it would be difficult to construct a special obligation of that nature in tort to which liabilities created by a collateral contract did not extend.

Accordingly damages under heads (B), (C) and (D) were not recoverable except those referable to physical injury. The appeal would be allowed with that reservation.

Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Mann delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Davies Arnold & Cooper; Hunt Dickins, Nottingham.

Liability for repayment of overpaid child benefit

Sadiq v Chief Adjudication Officer

Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Russell

[Judgment March 24]

A claimant did not use due care and diligence to avoid overpayment, as required by section 119(2) of the Social Security Act 1975, when he obtained one-parent child benefit without disclosing that he was not permanently separated from his wife living in Pakistan.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the claimant, Mr Mohammed Sadiq, from the decision of the social security commissioners in affirming an adjudication officer's decision requiring repayment of the benefit.

Section 119 provides: "(1) Where benefit is or has been paid in pursuance of a decision which is reversed or varied on appeal, or is revised on a review ... the decision ... shall require repayment to the Secretary of State ...

"(2) A decision given on appeal or review shall not require repayment of benefit paid ... where it is shown ... that in the obtaining and receipt of the benefit the beneficiary ... has throughout used due care and diligence to avoid overpayment."

Regulation 11 of the Child Benefit (General) Regulations (SI 1976 No 965) (as substituted by regulation 4 of the Child Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (SI 1978 No 540)) provides: "(1) Where a person is married, he and his spouse shall be treated ... as residing together during any period of absence the one from the other falling before the date in that period of absence on which — ... (b) they have been absent the one from the other for at least 91 consecutive days, and ... the spouses shall be treated ... as residing together where such absence is not likely to be permanent."

Mr Robin Allen for the claimant; Mr W. Robert Griffiths for the Chief Adjudication Officer.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that one-parent child benefit was a supplementary tax-free benefit over and above child benefit paid to a parent bringing up a child alone while not residing with his spouse.

Until 1974, the claimant and his wife resided in the United Kingdom. They went to Pakistan in that year but the claimant returned here in 1977.

In 1981 he became unemployed and was told that his circumstances were such that he could claim one-parent child benefit. He completed an application form and it was accepted that throughout he had been completely frank in supplying the relevant information.

The application form was reasonably clear and it required the claimant to tick, if applicable, a box asking whether he was permanently separated.

It was common ground that the box was not ticked but the claimant supplied a statement that his wife was living in Pakistan and he contributed money in respect of his children in Pakistan.

From December 28, 1981 to October 14, 1984 the claimant received one-parent child benefit amounting to £535.25 in respect of his two children living with him. His wife then rejoined him with their other children and they applied for child benefit in respect of those children.

The claimant admitted that the separation had never been intended to be permanent and, as a result the adjudication officer decided that the original award had been erroneous and he directed that the sums paid should be repaid. On appeal the decision was upheld by the Social Security Appeal Tribunal whose decision was also upheld by the commissioners.

Section 119 of the 1975 Act imposed a mandatory obligation to require repayment unless due care and diligence had been shown. It placed that burden on the claimant. On the facts the claimant had failed to discharge the burden. He should have answered the vital question as to separation and did not do so.

The payment to the claimant was made as a result of a mistake of fact and was recoverable.

Lord Justice Glidewell delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Slade agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Christopher Cousins; Leeds; Solicitor, DHSS.

No order for unilateral disclosure of evidence of interview

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Singh

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Taylor

[Judgment March 15]

Since the burden of proof in an application for judicial review lay on the applicant, the Home Secretary would not be required to disclose immigration officers' notes of interviews with the applicant where the applicant himself had not adduced his own evidence of the interviews.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an application for discovery by Yadvinder Singh and dismissing his appeal from the Divisional Court (Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice McCullough) (*The Times* June 8, 1988) which had refused his application for judicial review of the decision of the Home Secretary ordering his removal from the United Kingdom

Mr K. S. Nathan, QC and Mr George Warr for Mr Singh; Mr John Laws for the Home Secretary.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the application for discovery of the interview notes was made first in the Court of Appeal, it had not been made either before or during the hearing in the Divisional Court.

That was a substantial objection in itself, although in special circumstances it would not be insuperable. However, the application failed on its merits.

In an application for judicial review the burden of proof lay on the applicant to establish his case and to put forward his complaints of the decision he was challenging.

In the present case the applicant had to show that the claim he asserted to asylum was based on a well founded fear of persecution. He must have put his case to the immigration officers in the interviews and although he might not recollect precisely the wording of his claim he must have known what his case was.

He could therefore swear an affidavit setting out the basis of the claim he made at the interviews and then it would be for the Home Secretary either to accept those recollections and defend the decision on that basis or to give his own evidence of the interviews, by producing the notes if he so chose.

His Lordship could not see what principle of law the applicant was seeking to put forward, that without asserting what had happened at the interviews, he should call for a full record from the Home Secretary.

His Lordship would dismiss the application. Turning to the appeal from the Divisional Court, there was no evidence to justify the court saying that the Home Secretary's decision was unreasonable and his Lordship would accordingly dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Taylor agreed.

Solicitors: Thakrar & Co, Southall; Treasury Solicitor.

Considering defence to equal value pay claim

Reed Packaging Ltd v Boozer and Another

Before Mr Justice Wood, Miss J. W. Collerson and Mr G. A. Drain

[Judgment March 18]

An industrial tribunal considering, as a preliminary inquiry under rule 8(2E) of Schedule 2 to the Industrial Tribunals (Rules of Procedure) Regulations (SI 1985 No 16), a defence to an equal value claim that the variation in pay was due to a material factor other than sex, ought if satisfied the defence was made out, dismiss the claim at the preliminary hearing and not refer it to an independent expert under rule 7A(1).

The Employment Appeal Tribunal allowed an appeal by the employers, Reed Packaging Ltd, from an Ashford industrial tribunal last June that equal pay claims against the employers by the applicants, Mrs Sandra Boozer and Mrs Betty Everhust, should be referred to an independent expert.

The employers appealed on the ground, *inter alia*, that the industrial tribunal had misdirected itself in holding that the defence of genuine material factor in section 1(3) of the Equal Pay Act 1970 could not be upheld before the expert's report was obtained.

By section 1(2)(c) of the 1970 Act a woman can claim equality of pay with a male comparator if her work is of equal value.

Section 1(3) provides: "An equality clause shall not operate in relation to a variation between the woman's contract and the man's contract if the employer proves that the variation is genuinely due to a material factor which is not the difference of sex ...".

Rule 8(2E) proves: "A tribunal may ... hear evidence upon ... the evidence contained in section 1(3) of the Equal Pay Act [defence of genuine material factor] before it requires an expert to prepare a report under rule 7(A) ...".

Mr Christopher Jeans for the employers; Mr Michael Supperstone for the applicants.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that the applicants and the male comparator Mr Jones were dispatch clerks. The applicants were graded on the employers' staff structure with a basic pay of £124 a week. Mr Jones was paid according to the pay structure for hourly workers and earned £141 a week.

The industrial tribunal found that the genuine material factor defence arose because of the existence of the separate pay structures. It rejected the defence on the ground that if it allowed it at the preliminary stage the applicants would be prevented from pursuing their claims because of the employers' pay structures.

On appeal, the employers contended that having embarked on an investigation of a section 1(3) defence under rule 8(2E) the industrial tribunal was bound to reach a conclusion on the evidence unless it was felt that further investigation was needed before it could make up its mind.

The appeal tribunal considered that an industrial tribunal was not bound to start on an inquiry under rule 8(2E) but if it did there were two courses open. Either it could decide that the matter could not fairly be resolved without the assistance of an expert and adjourn or they could proceed to reach a decision on the evidence.

The object of considering a defence at the preliminary hearing was to decide whether the claim should be allowed to proceed. If the defence was made out the industrial tribunal would be failing in its duty under rule 8 if it did not dismiss an applicant's claim.

The appeal tribunal would uphold the employers' claim that the industrial tribunal's decision that the section 1(3) defence failed was perverse and would hold that there was an objectively justified administrative reason for the differential in pay. The appeal would be allowed and leave to appeal granted.

Solicitors: Allen & Overy; Pattinson & Brewer.

Distinction between deportation order and decision to make it

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Ibrahim

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Tudor Evans

[Judgment March 8]

There was a distinction between a deportation order which had been made and a decision to make such an order. Where the Secretary of State for the Home Department had decided to make but had not yet made a deportation order against one member of a family, he had power under section 3(5)(c) of the Immigration Act 1971, to order the deportation of other members of that family.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when dismissing the application of Gulten Ibrahim and her two children against the decision of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal on March 27, 1986 to dismiss their appeal against the decision of the secretary of state to make deportation orders against them, following his decision in August 1983 to deport the husband.

Mr Alper Riza for the applicant; Mr Nigel Pleming for the Immigration Appeal Tribunal.

MR JUSTICE TUDOR EVANS said that no potential injustice, through the possibility of families being split up by members of the family being deported before the mother, could be envisaged.

The policy of the 1971 Act and the immigration rules was to treat immigrant families as a unit and it would be inconceivable that children of the age of six and nine, as these children were, would be separated from their mother.

Solicitors: Turkan & Co, Stoke Newington; Treasury Solicitor.

Court can order administrative costs to be treated as winding-up costs

In re Gosscott (Groundworks) Ltd

Before Mr Justice Mervyn Davies

[Judgment March 18]

The discretion of the court under section 51 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 appeared unaffected by order 62 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and was sufficiently wide to enable the court, when an administration petition and a winding-up petition were heard together, to order the administrative costs to be treated as costs in the winding up; at any rate where the parties were the same in both petitions.

Mr Justice Mervyn Davies so held in the Chancery Division when ordering administration costs incurred down to the date of the first hearing to be paid accordingly.

The administration petition and the winding-up petition respectively presented by the company, Gosscott (Groundworks) Ltd, and the creditor, R. P. Lester (a firm), were both before Mr Justice Harman on February 8, 1988.

The company did not seek to support the administrative petition and it was dismissed. On the winding-up petition a compulsory order was made without opposition from the company and some questions as to costs were left for future consideration.

Mr Michael Gettleson for R. P. Lester, the applicant petitioning creditor; Mr Jonathan Crow for Mr David Goss, the respondent director.

MR JUSTICE MERVYN DAVIES said the company was a building contractor with a nominal capital of £10,000 in £1 shares of which 200 were issued and paid up. The directors were Mr David Goss and Mr Hugh Scott who held 100 shares each.

The company got into financial difficulties and since it was unable to comply with a statutory demand made by the petitioning creditor had ceased to trade. The winding-up petition was presented and served on December 17, 1987.

With section 8(3)(d) of the Insolvency Act 1986 in mind the company presented an administration petition on December 21 which showed a positive balance in the accounts including fixed assets of £25,958. On that day unknown to the company the petitioning creditor in *ex parte* winding-up proceedings secured the appointment of a provisional liquidator.

The questions as to costs left outstanding were (1) whether the company's costs in the administration petition should be allowed as costs of the winding up; (2) whether the costs incurred by the petitioning creditor in the matter of the administration petition should be paid by Mr Goss personally.

As to (1) if the costs were not allowed in the winding-up, solicitors who had acted in good faith might have difficulty in recovering them and to seek them from the directors was hardly a satisfactory solution.

The legislature had introduced the administration order as a possible means of averting the winding up of an insolvent company: see section 8(1)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986.

A decision to use those means taken in good faith ought not in a proper case to carry with it the certainty that if the attempt failed and winding up ensued, the costs incurred would fall on the directors or the solicitors and accountants employed in the matter.

Those considerations persuaded his Lordship that he should, in so far as he had jurisdiction, allow the company's costs incurred in the administration petition (down to the first hearing) to be regarded as costs in the winding-up since he was satisfied that the petition was presented in good faith and reasonably on the advice of an insolvency practitioner.

However as regarded jurisdiction, it could be said that technically the costs should not ae allowed to be regarded as costs of the winding-up because the administration proceedings were separate from the winding-up proceedings.

On the other hand the company was entitled to launch its administration proceedings and had done so reasonably, in good faith and on professional advice.

The two sets of proceedings had to be separate so that it might be said that the administration costs were incurred in the course of the winding-up proceedings and could be properly allowable in the winding up by analogy with *In re Bathampton Ltd* ([1976] 1 WLR 168, 172) in that the costs were properly incurred in or about the matter of the winding up and did not extend beyond the first hearing of both petitions.

It was, however, necessary to turn to statute and the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925). Rule 7.33 in chapter 6 of part 7 of those rules provided: "7.33 Subject to provision to inconsistent effect lade as follows in this chapter - (a) Order 62 of the Rules of the Supreme Court applies to insolvency proceedings in the High Court. ...".

There appeared to be, for present purposes, no provision in the chapter "to inconsistent effect". "Insolvency proceedings meant any proceedings under the Act or Rules: see rule 13.7. So Order 62 applied both to proceedings for winding up and administration. Order 62, rule 2(4) provided that the powers and discretion of the court under section 51 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 were to be exercised subject to and in accordance with Order 62.

There seemed nothing in Order 62 which affected the exercise of the discretion conferred by section 51 on the question as to whether a company's administration costs might be provided for in a winding-up of the company. Nothing in the Insolvency Act or Rules appeared to bear on the question: see, for example, Insolvency Rules 4.218, 4.220 and section 156 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and compare rule 2.9(2).

As regarded the section 51 discretion, *Aiden Shipping Co Ltd v Interbulk Ltd* ([1986] 1 AC 965) showed that there was no difficulty in holding that the discretion was wide enough to enable the court, when an administration petition and a winding-up petition were heard together, to order the administration costs to be treated as costs in the winding-up; at any rate where the parties were the same in both petitions.

It followed that the court had jurisdiction to order the costs incurred in the administration down to the date of the first hearing to be paid in the winding-up together with the company's costs on the winding-up petition.

The only authority bearing on the matter was in *In re W. FO Fearman Ltd (No 2)* ((1988) 4 BCC 141) where Mr Justice Harman was asked to allow administration costs as costs on winding up. He said (at p143) that "... it was not correct to throw extra costs into the expense of the winding up and so far as there be separate and extra costs beyond the mere preparation and presentation fee on the administration petition. I fear that I think those should be borne by those who originally resolved to incur them; that is, presumably the directors.

"I concede that they did act *bona fide*, but a well meaning mistaken act cannot be a passport, as I see it, in the sharing out of an insolvent estate where all claimadts are going to suffer by allowing precedence to those claims for costs. I shall therefore simply make no order upon, or, alternatively, permit the withdrawal of, the administration petition with no order in respect of the costs of that petition."

The direction as to "no order in respect of the costs" was, his Lordship imagined, a direction in respect of the "extra" costs referred to at the beginning of the extract. It seemed therefore that the judge was prepared to allow as costs in the winding-up the costs of preparing and presenting the administration petition.

With regard to question (2) Mr Goss and Mr Scott had not acted irresponsibly and it would not be right to penalize Mr Goss with a personal order to pay the costs of the petitioning creditor on the administration petition. Furthermore any application for a personal cost order should have been made against both directors.

Solicitors: Milners, Curry & Gaskell; Edwin Coe & Calder Woods.

Human Rights Law Report

Strasbourg

Manner of taking children into care breaches right to respect for family life

Olsson v Sweden

Case No 2/1987/125/176)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges J. Cremona, Thor Vilhjalmsson, G. Lagergren, F. Golcuklu, F. Matscher, J. Pinheiro Farinha, L.-E. Pettiti, B. Walsh, Sir Vincent Evans, R. Macdonald, C. Russo, R. Bernhardt, A. Spielmann and J. De Meyer Registrar M.-A. Eissen

[Judgment March 24]

The European Court of Human Rights found that Sweden had not respected the right to family life as guaranteed by article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights. Although a decision to take children into care and its maintenance did not give rise to a violation of article 8, the manner in which the care decision was implemented was not in conformity with the said provision.

Article 8 of the Convention provides: "1 Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence.

2 There shall be no interference by a public authority with the exercise of this right except such as is in accordance with the law and is necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security, public safety or the economic well-being of the country, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others."

On September 16 1980, Social District Council No 6 in Gothenburg decided to take the three children of Mr and Mrs Olsson into care, which decision was subsequently confirmed by the County Administrative Court. Mr and Mrs Olsson appealed in turn to the Administrative Court of Appeal and the Supreme Administrative Court, but without success. On June 1, 1982, Social District Council No 6 rejected their request that the public care of the children should be terminated. Subsequently, successive appeals by the applicants to the same three courts were dismissed.

Having attempted unsuccessfully to achieve a friendly settlement, the European Commission of Human Rights drew up a report, which was adopted on December 2, 1986, establishing the facts and expressing the opinion, by eight votes to five, that the care decisions concerning the applicants' children in combination with their placement in separate foster homes and far away from the applicants constituted a violation of article 8 of the Convention, and unanimously that there had been no violation of articles 3, 6, 13 or 14 of the Convention or of article 2 of Protocol No 1.

In its judgment the European Court of Human Rights held:

I Alleged violation of article 8

A Taking of children into care and refusals to terminate care

Mr And Mrs Olsson alleged violations of their right to respect for their family life, by reason of the care decision, the manner of its implementation and the refusals to terminate the public care of their children.

The Court found that the measures at issue constituted interferences with that right but had the legitimate aim of protecting health or morals and the rights and freedoms of others, namely the children.

Having regard to the subject-matter and the safeguards provided against arbitrary interference, the relevant Swedish legislation, although rather general in terms and conferring a wide discretion on the authorities, was sufficiently precise for the interferences complained of to be regarded as "in accordance with the law" for Convention purposes.

As to whether those interferences were "necessary in a democratic society", the Court recalled that its review was not limited to ascertaining whether the state concerned had acted reasonably, carefully and in good faith; it had to examine the decisions at issue in the light of the case as a whole and determine whether they were justified by "relevant and sufficient" reasons.

Turning to the taking of the children into public care and the refusals to terminate care, the Court noted that the applicants had been involved in the decision-making process to a degree sufficient to provide the requisite protection of their interests.

The relevant decisions had been based on social reports supported by statements from persons well acquainted with the background; they had, moreover, been confirmed by courts which had been able to form their own impression of the case at hearings and whose judgments had not been reversed on appeal.

In the circumstances, the Swedish authorities had been reasonably entitled, having regard to their margin of appreciation, to think that the taking into care was necessary; they had also had sufficient reasons for thinking that the care decision had to remain in force.

The Court thus held, by ten votes to five (Judges Pinheiro Farinha, Pettiti, Walsh, Russo and De Meyer dissenting) that there had been no violation of article 8 as regards these two points.

B Implementation of the care decision

As for the measures taken in implementation of the care decision, the Court found that it was not established that the quality of the care given to the children in the homes where they were placed was not satisfactory.

However, the separation of the children, the placement of two of the children at long distances from the applicants' home and the restrictions on the latter's visits had impeded easy and regular access by the members of the family to each other and thus ran counter to the ultimate aim of its reunification.

In those respects, the measures in question, which had been partly prompted by administrative difficulties, were not supported by sufficient reasons justifying them as proportionate to the legitimate aim pursued; they were therefore not "necessary in a democratic society".

The Court accordingly held, by twelve votes to three (Judges Ryssdal, Thor Vilhjalmsson and Golcuklu dissenting) that the implementation of the care decision had given rise to a breach of article 8.

II Additional allegations made by the applicants

The Court rejected unanimously, additional allegations by the applicants, to the effect that they had been victims of "inhuman treatment" (article 3 of the Convention); they had not received a "fair hearing" before the domestic courts (article 6); the interferences with their rights had been based on their social origin and were therefore discriminatory (article 14 taken together with article 8); they had been victims of a breach of article 2 of Protocol No 1 by reason of their inability to influence the education of the children and of the placement of one of them with a family belonging to a religious denomination; and that they had had no remedy in respect of the breach of Protocol No 1 allegedly resulting from one of their children being given a religious upbringing (article 13 taken together with article 2 of Protocol No 1).

III Application of article 50

The applicants claimed 30,000,000 Swedish Crowns (SeK) for non-pecuniary damage, together with reimbursement of legal fees and expenses in the domestic and the Strasbourg proceedings in the sum of 884,500 SeK.

Having regard to its finding on article 8, the Court observed that the applicants were not entitled to just satisfaction for the care decision and the taking away of the children as such, but only for the prejudice suffered on account of those aspects of the implementation of the decision that had given rise to the breach.

Those matters had undoubtedly caused Mr and Mrs Olsson considerable inconvenience and, above all, substantial anxiety and distress.

Making an assessment on an equitable basis, the court unanimously awarded them 200,000 SeK under this head:

Certain of the legal fees and expenses claimed related to matters which fell outside the scope of the case or in respect of which no violation had been found, and others, in the Court's view, either were not necessary or were excessive.

Making an assessment on an equitable basis, it awarded Mr and Mrs Olsson 150,000 SeK under this head.

RUGBY UNION: CUP SEMI-FINALS BRING SURPRISES IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Harding leaves Moseley bemused

By Bryan Stiles

Moseley 6
Bristol 34

Bristol scored six tries in a dazzling display of attacking rugby to sweep into the final of the John Player Special Cup and yet were still insisting that they had played a tight, restricted game.

If they were serious then they fooled all of the 5,000 who crammed into the Reddings and every one of the Moseley players, who spent most of Saturday afternoon trying to contain the exhuberance which typified almost every Bristol move. If playing the Bristol version of a tight game produces such exciting stuff then heaven help their opponents when they decide to open up a bit.

Bob Hesford, the Bristol coach, was adamant that they had stuck to their game plan — in their book they had played it tight. Their strategy was to attack from the back of the scrum, using their fast back row to move the ball quickly away from the set piece on a diagonal and then let Harding decide the option. That tactic and Blackmore's avarice when it came to securing lineout ball produced so many attacking opportunities that the Moseley defence was in a constant state of paranoia.

Even having Goodwin and James playing a joint full back role failed to stitch the defensive rents together. No sooner did they repair a hole in one area than up popped Harding to tear open another somewhere else. The defence had not proved a flimsy fabric in the past; indeed, it had been one of the mainstays on which the famous victory over the favourites, Bath, had been founded in the quarter-finals.

The more inventive nature of the Bristol assault upon it had proved to be much more destructive. The giant-killers had indeed been cruelly treated. Robson, the Moseley captain who will be Harding's understudy on England's tour to Australia in the summer, became increasingly frustrated as the Bristol scrum half harnessed the supremacy of his forwards to the scoring power of the backs. It is Harding's ability to make and execute the right decision, with unerring precision that makes him such a confounding adversary.

The Bristol pack refused to get bogged down in a static battle and were particularly well served by the power, speed and finesse of their breakaway trio, Hone, Dun and Collings in the loose. They were suitably motivated by Pomphrey, who unfortunately for Bristol, has decided to give up the captaincy at the end of this centenary season to concentrate on business commitments.

Carr, their right wing, scored three tries, thanks to Harding, and is looking forward to the day when the team decides to be more expansive. Harding picked up two tries and his fellow international, Webb, added the final flourish with a try to which he added the conversion points. He pocketed five conversions altogether.

Moseley's contribution was a late try by Denhardt, converted by Arntzen which rewarded a determined but short-lived revival.

SCORERS: Moseley: Try: Denhardt. Conversion: Arntzen. Bristol: Tries: Carr (3), Harding (2), Webb. Conversions: Webb (5).
MOSELEY: J Goodwin; A James, J Nesborough, C Arntzen, T Exeter; S Pearce, S Robson; M Linnett, C Barbor, G Smith, N Jeavons, A Recardo, R Denhardt, K Hickey, P Shillingford.
BRISTOL: J Webb; J Carr, R Knibbs, D Thomas, H Duggan; S Hogg, R Harding; C, Phillips, D Palmer, J Doubleday, A Dun, N Pomphrey, A Blackmore, A Dun, W Hone, P Collings.
Referee: R Quittenton (London).

Williams wrecks Wasps as Harlequins reach final

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Wasps 16
Harlequins 20

(after extra time; score after 80 mins, 16-16)

The Wasps banner, flying stiffly towards the clubhouse end, told how this John Player Special Cup semi-final would be conditioned. By the end it was still streaming, but Wasps' spirits were limp and an exhausted silence filled their changing room as they contemplated the wreckage.

There were few grumbles, though, that Harlequins, by a goal, two tries and two penalty goals against a try and four penalties, reached their first final against Bristol at Twickenham on April 30.

It was a tremendous contest as Wasps, trailing for most of the game, looked likely to come up on the rails. But they pulled level only in injury-time and conceded a try to Moon in injury-time of extra time when Harriman intercepted 40 metres out. Had he not done so Wasps, with a two-man overlap, almost certainly would have scored, which would have left Harriman regretting failing to clear on halfway, was overwhelmed and Harlequins were penalized. Wasps worked Bailey over for the try which forced extra time.

The Wasps' back row was unmatched, yet Harlequins were prepared to work harder and found some unexpected towers of strength. Edwards and Langhorn played outstandingly well. Edwards, supporting a break by Thompson, found the speed and strength to claim his side's second try.

The visitors might also point to a training session when they did 70 scrums; at the first scrum they drove Wasps back, managed a heel against the head for Olver and were rock-steady on their own line. It engendered confidence and enabled Williams to sustain possession for his backs. Williams intends to return to New Zealand after Easter, but Harlequins may invite him to return for the final; a situation which the club has yet to discuss as the latest International Board directive insists on a 12-week playing gap for players transferring between two hemispheres.

Williams began the game with a severe ticking-off after a late charge on Andrew. Thereafter he could scarcely be separated from the ball as Harlequins made the wind count and led 12-3 at half-time. Salmon accounted for all those points: his organization finally spilling over to the diagonal switch with Thompson that brought his try. A knock-on by Harriman robbed Harlequins of another try before Stringer, with the only successful kick into the wind, reduced the deficit.

Van Heerden, the 6ft 6in South African lock, killed a ruck and was then penalized for punching. A second intervention by the touch judge produced a penalty for stamping and Stringer levelled before, with four minutes left, the elusive Thompson sent Edwards over in the corner.

Had Wasps not become so imbued with the use of their back row, they might well have given their backs, greater leverage. When they did move the ball they often found space until Simms chipped through for Bailey to make the touch a foot inside the dead-ball line. Thereafter it became a matter of character: Salmon missed a long penalty, Andrew a drop goal before Moon collapsed upon the winner.

SCORERS: Wasps: Try: Bailey. Penalties: Stringer (4). Harlequins: Tries: Salmon, Edwards, Moon. Conversion: Salmon. Penalties: Salmon (2).
WASPS: N Stringer; S Smith, K Simms, R Lozowski, M Bailey; R Andrew, S Bates; P Rendall, A Simmons, J Probyn, M Rose, C Pinnegar, S O'Leary, D Pegler, J Ellison.
HARLEQUINS: S Thresher; A Hammon, J Salmon, W Carling, S Hunter; A Thompson, R Moon; P Curtis, J Olver, A Mullins, M Skinner, N Edwards, H van Heerden, D Williams, R Langhorn.
Referee: C High (Manchester).

Match-winner: Moon, who scored in extra time for Harlequins, tackles Bates, of Wasps

Neath flatter to deceive Bishop

By Gerald Davies

Pontypool 9
Neath 20

The Pontypool scrum half has assumed the proportions of a precious icon. After 29 consecutive victories this season, Pontypool believe in the infallibility of David Bishop.

But a banner at the Arms Park declared irreverently: "The Blacks Don't Pray to Bishops" — a view at odds with Brian Thomas, the Neath manager, who proclaimed him as the most powerful scrum half in Europe.

If that compliment was to tease Bishop into proving his reputation, Thomas also doubled his load by giving the Neath back row the simple command to nobble him.

They did, although not always legally. With Bishop also given uncontrolled ball, Pontypool's hope to reach the Schweppes Welsh Cup Final died. Neath deserved to win — though flattered by the margin — two tries, a penalty try, penalty and dropped goal to a goal and a penalty.

While the pack laid the foundations, four players ensured victory. Clegg dominated the lineout: Thorburn was entirely in command, but most suprisingly was the maturity of Davies and Bridges at half back.

Pontypool's opening try was a superb effort of running and passing from Ring, near his 10-metre line to Hanson's score. Ring converted from the touchline and later added a penalty.

Yet Neath marshalled the wind better and in a 12-minute period overtook their opponents. Griffiths took a pass from Bridges to score; Thorburn added a penalty and Davies's try from a short lineout won by Clegg put them ahead.

The contest was now over and the penalty try when Brown illegally joined the scrum and Thorburn and Davies kicks ensured a repeat of the first final against Llanelli in 1972.

SCORERS: Neath: Penalty Try. Try: J Griffiths, A Davies. Penalty: P Thorburn. Dropped goal: A Davies. Conversion: P Thorburn. Pontypool: Try: S Hanson. Conversion: M Ring. Penalty: M Ring.
PONTYPOOL: P Rees; A Gleason, R Bidgood (rep: P Thomas), K Orrell, S Hanson; M Ring, D Bishop; Staff Jones, S Jones (rep: P Johnson), G Price, C Hush, R Goodey, E Butler, M Brown, F Jacas.
NEATH: P Thorburn; J Griffiths, C Laity, S Powell, A Edmunds; A Davies, C Bridges; S Dando, K Phillips (rep: P Gregory), J Pugh, P Pugh, A Kembury (rep: P Jackson), S Clegg, R Phillips, M Jones.
Referee: W D Bevan (WRU).

Davies engineers a demolition job

By Peter Dixon

Llanelli 38
Aberavon 0

As news of Neath's victory over Pontypool in the other Schweppes Cup semi-final filtered through to St Helen's, Swansea, on Saturday, one could forgive Llanelli's beaming supporters for regarding the trophy as good as won. In the cold light of day, however, such conjecture will need revision. Neath are no Aberavon, who were out of their depth against a side brimming with confidence.

With a set of backs who between them had scored 109 tries this season, Llanelli were always going to be dangerous on the break. Aberavon's hopes, therefore, lay with their forwards, whose job was to prevent their counterparts giving Jonathan Davies and company the kind of ball with which they excel. In the event they were taken to pieces.

Llanelli's victory by two goals, five tries, one penalty and a dropped goal to nil was no more than they deserved, or expected. By the finish Davies, his three namesakes and Evans, recovered from his hamstring injury, were having a field day.

The Scarlets took a little while to get into their stride. Going into the last 10 minutes of the first half they were 7-0 up, through a try by Griffiths and a Davies penalty, but by the end of the half they had extended the lead to 21 points, three tries coming in quick succession through Nigel Davies, Griffiths and May. There ended Aberavon's resistance.

With the wind at their backs, Aberavon opened the second half with a bit more fire in their bellies, but once Davies had doused that with a fine dropped goal the end could not come soon enough for the underdogs or their supporters. Further tries by Evans, Fox and Carwyn Davies rounded off a thoroughly miserable day for the Wizards, whose cup spell had been well and truly broken.

SCORERS: Llanelli: Tries: Grimes (2), N Davies, May, Evans, Fox, C Davies. Conversions: J Davies (2). Penalty: J Davies. Dropped goal: J Davies.
LLANELLI: S Bowling; I Evans, N Davies, S Davies, C Davies; J Davies, J Griffiths; A Buchanan, D Fox, L Delaney, G Jones, P May, R Cornelius, M Perego, P Davies.
ABERAVON: S Jones; P Jones, G Matthews, J Jardine, R Diplock; M Lewis, A Jones; S Foster, B James, L Gerrard, C O'Callaghan, J Jenkins (rep: N Spender), M Watts, P Yardley, T Fauvel.
Referee: C Norling (Swansea).

Leicester remain on course

By Michael Stevenson

Leicester 42
Sale 15

It was clear evidence of Leicester's *embarras de richesses* that a No. 8 of Dean Richards's calibre should be absent and that Mark Charles, his deputy, should score three tries. Add to this Dusty Hare's goalkicking, which brought him 22 points at Welford Road on Saturday and you have an explosive mixture.

Sale, still without a win in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship, played admirably for short periods but disintegrated late in the second half. Leicester need to win one of their three games left to clinch the championship.

Leicester led 9-6 at the interval. Jenion had kicked two penalties for Sale and Hare one. Bates scored a try for Leicester, which Hare converted, from a charged-down kick. Sale were well in touch 15 minutes into the second half, after Hare had added two penalties and Jenion his third for Sale. Charles touched down the first of his pushover tries, and Sale's try, scored by Kenrick, was converted by Jenion.

That, however, was that. Hare's penalty was followed by Charles's second try, then Roberts drove again. Redfern and Kenney linked skilfully and Evans scored a superb try. Leicester's final effort, in which the ball passed through 10 pairs of hands before Charles scored his third, was even better.

SCORERS: Leicester: Tries: Charles (3), Bates, Evans. Conversions: Hare (5). Penalties: Hare (4). Sale: Try: Kenrick. Conversion: Jenion. Penalties: Jenion (3).
LEICESTER: W H Hare; B Evans, I Bates, T Buttimore, S Burnhill; L Cusworth, S Kenney; S Redfern, H Roberts, W Richardson, J Wells, M Foulkes-Arnold, T Smith, M Charles, R Tebbutt.
SALE: G Jenion; G Powell, P Stanafield, D Pollard, G Stanton; G Rafferty, P Jee; M Whitcombe, A Simpson, M Calery, S Morrison, J Howe, I McKie, M Kenrick, I Gittens.
Referee: D Hudson (Manchester).

DETAILS FROM THE WEEKEND MATCHES

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP
Semi-finals

Moseley	6 Bristol	34
Wasps	16 Harlequins (aet)	20

SCHWEPPES WELSH CUP
Semi-finals

Aberavon	0 Llanelli (at Swansea)	38
Pontypool	9 Neath (at Cardiff)	20

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Royal Navy	7 RAF (at Twickenham)	10

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP
First division

Bath	23 Orrell	16

Bath: Tries: Redman, Swift, Lumsden. Con: Cue. Pens: Cue (3). Orrell: Tries: O'Brien, Wright. Cons: Langford (2). Pens: Langford (2).

Leicester	42 Sale	15

Leicester: Tries: Charles (3), Bates, Evans. Cons: Hare (5). Pens: Hare (4). Sale: Try: Kenrick. Con: Jenion. Pens: Jenion (3).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	9	8	0	1	186	118	33
Gloucester	9	5	1	3	145	114	25
Wasps	8	5	1	2	124	102	24
Nottingham	10	4	1	5	138	135	23
Bath	9	4	1	4	130	130	22
Moseley	10	4	0	6	140	167	22
Bristol	8	4	1	3	146	92	21
Orrell	8	3	1	4	123	113	18
Waterloo	6	4	0	2	85	90	18
Harlequins	7	3	1	3	124	77	17
Coventry	8	2	1	5	97	170	15
Sale	8	0	0	8	71	201	8

CLUB MATCHES

Cross Keys	21	Newport	22
Ebbw Vale	19	Bridgend	16
Glamorgan W	33	S Glamorgan Inst	9
Gloucester	25	Saracens	24
Gosforth	34	Berwick	7
Halifax	14	Aspatria	3
Hawick	34	Gala	3
Heriot's FP	27	Royal High	26
Jed-Forest	19	Selkirk	11
Kilmarnock	6	Jordanhill	22
London Irish	13	Pontypridd	24
London Welsh	37	Swansea	13
Maesteg	35	Coventry	12
Melrose	20	Glasgow High	17
Morley	15	Birkenhead Park	12
Newbridge	17	Tredegar	8
Northampton	17	Waterloo	23
Rosslyn Park	28	London Scottish	13
S Wales Police	27	Met Police	0
Stewart's Mel FP	38	Kelso	12
W of Scotland	48	Instonians	6
Nottingham	16	Cardiff	15

Cancelled: Edinburgh Acads v North of Ireland.

LONDON: First division: Ealing 44, Esher 3; Old Gaytonians 18, Lewes 17; Ruskip 25, Guildford and Godalming 7; Sutton and Epsom 33, Dartfordians 0; Upper Clapton 3, US Portsmouth 12. Second division north: Cheshunt 52, Old Merchant Taylors 7; Hertford 12, Old Albanians 6; Thurrock 27, St Mary's Hospital 3; Woodford 19, Grasshoppers 16. Postponed: Norwich v West London Institute.

Second division south: Old Alleynians 63, KCS Old Boys 9; Old Brockleians 14, Portsmouth 8; Old Juddian 18, Basingstoke 44; Old Mid-Whitgiftians 22, Worthing 18; Old Reigatian 18, Camberley 16. Third division north east: Brentwood 18, Colchester 12; Chingford 22, Ipswich YMCA 10; Eton Manor 18, West Norfolk 4; Old Westcliffians 22, Bury St Edmunds 13. Third division north west: Bacavians 18, Old Paulines 3; Bishop's Stortford 18, Twickenham 0; Fullerians 12, Old Kingsburians 10; Mill Hill 18, Harrow 3; Tabard 14, Hendon 10. Third division south east: Beckenham 7, East Grinstead 0; Gillingham Anchorians 10, Horsham 15; Old Colfeians 16, Crawley 6; Old Dunstonians 3, Old Beccehamians 4; Westcombe Park 0, Tunbridge Wells 7. Third division south west: Old Emanuel 35, Trojans 9; Old Walcountians 28, Jersey 13; Old Whitgiftians 17, Eastleigh 10; Purley 36, Winchester 6; Warlingham 10, Alton 6.

IRELAND: AIB Ulster Senior Cup: Quarter-finals: Ballymena 24, Queen's University 0; Bangor 13, Portadown 3; CIYMS 15, NISC 16; Malone 19, Dungannon 10 (aet). Club matches: Collegians 25, Ards 10; Enniskillen 7, City of Derry 7. Leinster Senior Cup: First round: Blackrock College 12, Monkstown 6; Old Wesley 9, DLSP 6. Senior club: Greystones 18, Lansdowne 22; Old Belvedere 3, Wanderers 9. Munster Senior Cup: First round: University College, Cork 4, Shannon 17. Connacht Senior Cup: Quarter-final: Galwegians 0, University College Galway 3. Schools' international trial: Probables 4, Possibles 12.

SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST: First division: Bridgwater and Albion 9, Weston-super-Mare 31; Clifton 6, Torquay Athletic 10; High Wycombe 14, Taunton 3; Maidenhead 24, St Ives 12; Oxford 3, Redruth 13. Second division: Barnstaple 17, Reading 7; Berry Hill 22, Newbury 9; Brixham 14, Launceston 34; Cinderford 20, Henley 0; Devon and Cornwall Police 20, Devonport Services 18. Southern counties: Banbury 28, Windsor 8; Bletchley 16, Wimborne 33; Bracknell 9, Swindon 22; Marlow 10, Redingensians 14; Oxford Marathon 9, Oxford Old Boys 24. Western counties: Cirencester 3, Truro 6; Clevedon 4, Tiverton 4; Gordon League 24, Sidmouth 6; Matson 50, Old Redcliffians 0; Newquay Hornets 15, Okehampton 9.

Second division

Lpool St Helens	6	Headingley	6

Liverpool St Helens: Pens: Askew (2). Headingley: Pens: Appleson (2).

Richmond	28	Bedford	25

Richmond: Tries: Rydon, Lee, Cox, Preston. Pens: Preston (6). Bedford: Tries: Batty (2). Con: Finne. Pens: Finnie (5).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rosslyn Pk	11	8	2	1	155	83	37
Lpool St Helens	9	7	1	1	119	61	31
Richmond	10	6	0	4	137	134	28
Headingley	10	5	2	3	164	101	27
Bedford	10	5	2	3	119	114	27
Saracens	9	5	2	2	172	83	26
L Irish	11	4	1	6	120	177	24
L Scottish	8	4	0	4	114	90	20
Blackheath	11	2	0	9	102	187	17
Gosforth	9	2	1	6	87	115	16
L Welsh	9	2	1	6	115	149	16
Northampton	9	1	0	8	78	188	12

● Gosforth deducted three points and one tan for fielding ineligible player.

Third division

Exeter	32	Birmingham	0
Fylde	3	Wakefield	23
Nuneaton	9	Plymouth Albion	7
W Hartlepool	12	Maidstone	10

Postponed: Sheffield v Vale of Lune.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wakefield	11	10	0	1	308	90	41
W Hartlepool	9	8	0	1	195	79	33
Vale of Lune	9	7	0	2	167	125	30
Fylde	10	6	0	4	257	153	28
Sheffield	9	6	0	3	114	146	27
Plymouth Albion	9	6	0	3	215	101	27
Met Police	11	5	0	6	130	128	25
Exeter	10	3	1	6	116	185	20
Maidstone	9	3	0	6	106	107	18
Nuneaton	10	2	1	7	80	120	17
Morley	10	1	1	8	99	220	14
Birmingham	11	0	1	10	46	381	12

North area

Broughton Pk	20	Stourbridge	6
Derby	34	Solihull	8
Durham	9	Rugby	12
Lichfield	10	Roundhay	27
Northern	6	Preston Grasps	22

South area

Camborne	10	Sudbury	10
Cheltenham	4	Stroud	16
Havant	25	Streatham-C	15
Lydney	21	Southend	0
Salisbury	9	Sidcup	16

MIDLANDS: First division: Barker's Butts 20, Stoke 7; Henckley 11, Westleigh 10; Peterborough 12, Mansfield 16; Stockwood Park 20, Stafford 19; Wolverhampton 10, Pavliors 6. Second division east: Kettering 37, Loughborough 0; Leighton Buzzard 12, Syston 9; Lincoln 9, Vipers 15; Newark 12, Matlock 13; Stoneygate 10, Wigston 3. Second division west: Dudley Kingswinford 14, Bromsgrove 7; Evesham 7, Dixonians 16; Sutton Coldfield 17, Leamington 9; Tamworth 16, Burton 7; Worcester 0, Hereford 60. East Midlands/Leicestershire: Bedford Athletic 6, Stewart and Lloyds 15; Oadby Wyggestonians 4, Towcestrians 6; Old Northamptonians 19, Melton Mowbray 13. North Midlands: First division: Erdington 15, Edwardians 6; Kidderminster 11, Whitchurch 12; Kings Norton 23, Luctonians 10; Newport 13, Bridgnorth 0. Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire: First division: Boston 6, Chesterfield 38; Southwell 7, Kesteven 3; West Bridgford 42, Grimsby 3; Worksop 0, Glossop 9. Staffordshire/Warwickshire: Bedworth 26, Newcastle 9; Kenilworth 0, Old Leamingtonians 20; Leek 10, Stoke Old Boys 0; Nuneaton OE 10, Old Longtonians 18; Stratford 12, Handsworth 4.

NORTH: First division: Hartlepool Rovers 4, Harrogate 23; Kendal 12, Otley 7; Middlesbrough 4, Wilmington Park 33; Tynedale 18, West Park 6; Wigton 9, Witney 3. Second division: Bradford and Bingley 28, Manchester 0; Halifax 14, Aspatria 3; Lymm 25, Wilmslow 3; Sandal 15, New Brighton 3. Postponed: Davenport v Huddersfield. North east: First division: Gateshead Fell 7, Thornensians 6; Morpeth 14, Ripon 9; Old Brodleians 4, Old Crossleyans 4; Westoe 13, Keighley 8; Wharfedale 4, Rotherham 3. North west: First division: Blackburn 3, Caldy 4; Chester 34, Netherhall 4; Southport 10, Rochdale 12; Wirral 23, Mid-Cheshire College 9.

Yesterday

TOUR MATCH: Plymouth Albion 38, Toshiba (Japan) 23.

Services title is in balance

By Gordon Allan

RAF 10
Royal Navy 7

There were no promotions to Air Marshal or Admiral after the match at Twickenham on Saturday. The RAF beat the Royal Navy, with little distinction on either side, and the Services championship depends on the RAF's game against the Army next Saturday.

On a calm day there might have been a different result. As it was, a strong wind blowing mainly from the north affected the place-kickers so much that Hull, Whittington and Livingstone between them missed 12 shots at goal.

Underwood, the England winger, had two or three clever runs, and the Navy probably thought the ball was destined for him when the RAF scored. Instead Hull, who had already kicked a penalty, dodged over on his own.

The Navy drew level with a penalty by Whittington and a try by Speakman. Worrall landed the winning RAF penalty 15 minutes into the second half.

SCORERS: RAF: Try: Hull. Penalties: Hull, Worrall. Royal Navy: Try: Speakman. Penalty: Whittington.
RAF: Cpl N Ralkes (Lyneham); Cpl K Hetifield (Brize Norton), Flt Lt I Goslin (Caldhanger, capt), Cpl P Bradley (St Athan), FO R Underwood (Wyton); SAC P Hull (Lyneham), Cpl S Worrall (Finningley); Sgt D Robson (Odiham), SAC K Davies (Uxbridge), SAC A Billett (Innsworth), Sgt A Lewis (Stafford), Cpl R Burn (Brize Norton), Cpl B Richardson (Fitzwayne Castle), Cpl D Milne (Marham), Cpl D Parsonage (Finningley).
ROYAL NAVY: Lt C Alcock (Penelope, capt); Mid M Speakman (BRNC Dartmouth), WEM D Oakley (Alacrity), Mne M Ouland (CTCRM Lympstone), Lt S Phillips (CTCRM Lympstone); Mne M Whittington (40 Cdo RM), Mne P Livingstone (RMR London); C/Sgt J Martin (FO Plymouth), CPO D Cuisiart (Defiance), PO W Lee (Gannet), Sgt J Reece (RMR London), PO P Elliott (Seahawk), PO/MEM B Woodcock (Heron), Cpl M Hewitt (CTCRM Lympstone), Capt S Hughes (CTCRM Lympstone).
Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset).

RACING

Rhyme 'N' Reason will take chance in Grand National

By Christopher Goulding

Rhyme 'N' Reason, who fell three fences from home in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, will take his chance in the Grand National on Saturday week.

David Elsworth said at Newbury on Saturday: "He is a definite runner and is in good form. Brendan Powell will have the ride."

Powell said: "He is the class horse in the race. You have got be worried about his jumping, but at Cheltenham he did not really fall — it was a case of him losing his footing on landing.

"I am sure he will give me a good ride. On the park tracks he tends to get left behind as they always go a good gallop. In the National they go that bit slower which will help us."

Rhyme 'N' Reason will be only his second ride in the race, the jockey having got no further than the third fence on Glenrue last year.

"The fences I am a bit worried about will be the third, an open ditch, and The Chair as he tends to leave his hind legs behind. I don't want him doing that too often," Powell said. "But he stays very well and has a useful turn of foot."

This season Rhyme 'N' Reason has found his form with a vengeance. Prior to falling at Cheltenham the gelding showed his well being when beating the National favourite, Lean Ar Aghaidh, in the *Racing Post* Handicap at Kempton Park.

In recent weeks Powell has been talked about as the successor to Colin Brown as stable jockey to Elsworth.

"I don't know what David is doing about a new jockey," Powell said. "It certainly is a job I'd like. I have already been on to him about Desert Orchid — he's a horse I would love to get on."

Guy Landau, who rode Lean Ar Aghaidh to finish third in last year's National, is currently nursing a cracked collar-bone, the result of a fall at Fontwell Park last Tuesday.

"I am confident that I will be fit to ride Lean Ar Aghaidh in the National," Landau said. "I'm seeing Dr Allen at Kempton on Saturday."

Elain Mellor, wife of Lean Ar Aghaidh's trainer, Stan, said yesterday: "We have not bothered booking another jockey as we feel Guy will be fit to take the ride."

Peter Scudamore, one of the few riders to have completed the National course five times, has yet to finalize his Aintree mount. "I am still looking and open to offers."

Elsworth was in ecstatic mood after winning the first division of the Spring National Hunt Flat Race with Givus A Buck. "Potentially he is the best horse I have ever had," Elsworth said.

"I was just taken by the way he walked so sleepily round the Derby sale ring in Ireland." The Buckskin gelding is a half-brother to three winning chasers, notably My Buck.

In the second division of the bumper, the heavily-backed Blue Bourbon collapsed on the line when in second place behind The Merry Gambler. Jockey and horse were not in contact crossing the line and were therefore not placed by the judge.

Blue Bourbon was on the turf for almost 20 minutes before staggering to his feet and walking away to cheers from the racegoers.

Hard Case runs good trial on bad ground

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Lastofthebrownies, currently on offer as a Grand National ride to Peter Scudamore, had his Aintree odds cut from 40-1 to 25-1 following his good trial in the Kilternan Handicap Chase at Leopardstown on Saturday.

Trained by Michael Morris for Racing Board chairman Dr Michael Smurfit, Lastofthebrownies jumped cleanly throughout and after being held up towards the rear for much of the race came into a challenging position down the back stretch.

Coming to the second last fence, he was trailing the pacemaker Royal Bond by three lengths but Royal Bond ran out here leaving Cripps just in front. However, Lastofthebrownies was clearly going much the better and, assuming control before the last, went on to beat Rockfersistan by three lengths with another Grand National candidate Hard Case the same distance away third.

Bobsline, the top weight, was still in contention for a place when making a terrible mistake at the final jump.

If Scudamore decides not to accept the ride, Saturday's winning jockey Tommy Carmody will have the mount at Aintree.

The ground at Leopardstown was very heavy and should the going dry out for Aintree, Hard Case would have an excellent chance of reversing the placings there with Lastofthebrownies.

Ken Morgan took Hard Case around on the outside for most of the race so as to give him a clear sight of his fences and he jumped well throughout.

Michael Grassick produced the best two-year-old so far seen when Northern Tide ran away with the Ballyboden Maiden. The bookmakers knew all about his merits, though, as he opened and closed at odds-on.

Inigo Society win ruled out

Point-to-point
by Brian Beel

Inigo Society (Justin Farthing) finished first in *The Times* Championship qualifier at the Weston and Banwell on Saturday only to lose the race on an objection.

Having taken up the running four out from Ponti Hill (Robert Buckler), with Kate Kelly in close attendance, Inigo Society maintained his advantage to the line, where he had two lengths to spare. But when Ron Trellogan made his challenge on Kate Kelly from the last Inigo Society was adjudged to have drifted off a true line, and the positions of the first two were reversed.

After his impressive win at the Oakley, Framfield was sent off as a hot favourite in the first division of the qualifier at the Grafton, and, despite a blunder four out, he still seemed to be going easily enough on the heels of the leaders. But he was a spent force before the second last and his chance had gone when he unseated Trelawney Hill at the final fence.

THE TIMES
Point-to-point Championship

At the head of affairs, Okayso, who had made all the running on the final circuit, held on gamely by half a length from Shanni, with Burnswark, who looked squeezed for room on the run-in, another half a length away third.

Twelve went to the post for the second division and although only two finished this did not detract from another fine performance by Rushoise, the favourite, ridden by Tom Illsley. Rushoise took over from the pacemaking Dumbledere at the 13th fence, and, after Rebel Star had fallen four out when disputing second place, the two had the race to themselves.

Rushoise came out the comfortable winner by three lengths, becoming the first leg of a treble for Illsley, who went on to win both divisions of the maiden with Gaik and Hand Signal.

Three other riders also registered trebles. Amanda Harwood was in excellent form at the Crawley and Horsham to take a commanding lead in the ladies' title race, while the men's title holder, Mike Felton, brought his total for the season to 11 at the Wilton.

However, he made no inroads into Philip Scholfield's lead of two as the Devon-based rider had three successes at the Lamerton. John Llewellyn's double at the Curre keeps him in third place on 10 wins.

Results from Saturday's 12 meetings

BURTON: Hunt: 1, Ebony Swell (S Campion); 2, Saucy Pat (J Barton); 3, Flesh Fred (Miss Foster). Adj: 1, True Dowry (J Newton); 2, Vulfony's Pie (Mrs H Connors); 3, Coaching Club (R Knight). Ladies: 1, Sweet Diana (Mrs J Dawson); 2, Father Columbus (Miss M Crawford); 3, Rising Fare (Miss J Leadbetter). Land Rover Open: 1, Vulgarian (B Crawford); 2, Abbey Tell (K Salmon); 3, Nick Barry (C Warde-Aldam). Rest: 1, Pendor (C Bealby); 2, Mills Allegance (Mrs J Dawson); 3, Malakind (Mrs H Connors). Mdn: 1, Just Mick (N Connors); 2, Scarkpark Lad (K Green); 3, Majestic Mask (P Gee).

CRAWLEY AND HORSHAM: Hunt: 1, Only For Love (Miss A Harwood); 2, Stormaway (C Marsh); 3, Easter Princess (K Mizon). Rest: 1, Joro (M Foster); 2, Old Alex (P Hickman); 3, Political Judge (D Robinson). Ladies: 1, Hurry Up Henry (Miss A Harwood); 2, Green Ivy (Miss J Henry); 3, Gay Fish (Miss S Gladden). Open: 1, Why Forget (M Dawes); 2, Straight Accord (P Scoulier); 3, Four Poster (K White). Adj: 1, Betty's Pearl (Miss A Harwood); 2, Tartan Triumph (A Greig); 3, O'er the Border (S Scott). Mdn I: Pamroy's Daughter (D Evatt) finished alone. Mdn II: 1, Water Dragon (C Willett); 2, Dear Jodi (Mrs N Ledger); 3, Chekov (Miss S Belcher).

CURRE: Hunt: 1, Ron Cantello (T Rooney); 2, Athens Star (Miss L Cook); 3, Taf (Miss G Harman). Rest: 1, Bradfield Prince (T Jones); 2, Benito (S Shanton); 3, Sporting Gold (J Price). Adj: 1, Major Bribe (J Llewellyn); 2, Lost Albert (R Williams); 3, Creeping Jane (R Harris). Open: 1, Lislary Lad (T Jones); 2, Sulkerbos (J Thomas); 3, Kings Bridge (T Rooney). Ladies: 1, Velvet's Promise (Mrs R Vickery); 2, Young Sugar Bush (Miss R Lougher); 3, Ashburton (Mrs J Williams). Mdn I: 1, Mistress Rock (J Price); 2, Connolly (T Rooney); 3, Wind 'N' Willows (M Williams). Mdn II: 1, Goose Green (J Llewellyn); 2, Legal Wizzard (T Rooney); 3, Celtic Remorse (T Jones).

DERWENT: Adj: 1, Karakar Reference (H Brown); 2, Raven Venture (C Cundall); 3, Bill Of Fare (Mrs J Brown). Hunt: 1, Wold Song (Mrs T Corrigan-Clark); 2, Finch Chant (H Brown); 3, Whether I Will (C Cundall). Open: 1, Ingleby Star (N Tutty); 2, Comarch (R Tate); 3, Courageous Owl (C Musgrove). Ladies: 1, Renshaw Wood (Mrs A Farell); 2, Trumpton (Mrs T Corrigan-Clark); 3, Willies Gig (Miss S Homer). The Times Rest: 1, Krypton (D Kinsella); 2, Le Plat D'Or (S Whitaker); 3, Misunderstood (Miss S Hunter). Mdn I: 1, Sun N' Rayne (D Kinsella); 2, Byland Pin (J Peckitt); 3, Jay Bee Windows (J Beardsall). Mdn II: 1, Rockcliffe (R Tate); 2, Dream Esteem (S Swiers); 3, My Cullen (C Cundall).

GRAFTON: Hunt: 1, Fury Manor (G Tarry); 2, Blaydon's Time (M Brown); 3, Althome (J Pritchard). Adj: 1, Prince Pippin (C Mantod); 2, Gilston Hill (R Elwell); 3, Lolly's Pitch (C Main). The Times Rest I: 1, Okayso (A Sansome); 2, Shanni (A Milner); 3, Burnswark (H Wheeler). The Times Rest II: 1, Rushoise (T Illsley); 2, Dumbledear (P Candwell). Only two finished. Ladies: 1, General Wrekin (Miss S Sheppard); 2, Mister Skip (Mrs T Elwell) 3, Sparticome (Miss J Pidgeon). Open: 1, True Bloom (G Tarry); 2, Krystal Saint (M Arthers); 3, Big Brown Bear (J Barlow). Mdn I: 1, Gaick (

RACING: TOP TRAINERS IN CONTRASTING MOODS OVER PREPARATIONS OF LEADING 2,000 GUINEAS CONTENDERS

Irnan should outclass his rivals to give Dunlop a winning start

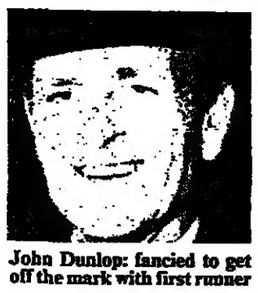
By Mandarin

John Dunlop, understandably delighted with the outcome of Highland Chieftain's Australian venture, turns his attentions to more modest fare at Folkestone today when he has his first domestic runner of the year.

Irnan is entrusted with the task of starting the Arundel trainer's British season on a winning note in the Rochester Graduation Stakes, a division of which Dunlop won 12 months ago with Darley Knight.

A soft ground winner over today's distance of six furlongs on his Lingfield debut, Irnan had only one other outing last year and was far from disgraced in finishing third behind Hoy and Savahra Sound in a quite valuable contest at Salisbury.

Hoy is held in high regard by Ian Balding and is the Kingsclere trainer's only 2,000 Guineas entry while Savahra Sound had previously finished



John Dunlop: fancied to get off the mark with first runner

third under a big weight in a Goodwood nursery and won a Kempton maiden by four lengths. So the form looks sound.

The opposition consists of quantity rather than quality with Mother Country, Valiant Saint and Reg Akehurst's Irish import Fact Finder looking the most potent dangers. However, Irnan appears better class and is awarded the nap vote.

Pat Eddery, who rides Irnan, can complete a double on Bravo Star in the Shorncliffe Maiden Stakes. This son of The Minstrel was trained by Guy Harwood last year but is now with Philip Mitchell, who wisely runs him here rather than with top weight in the Kingsnorth Handicap earlier in the afternoon.

Bravo Star showed a measure of ability when sixth in a big field of maidens at Warwick in October and should have the beating of Edinburgh runner-up Calabrese.

The day's other Flat meeting at Ayr offers equally moderate sport but Shanouska could be worth a second look in the Seafield Handicap.

Although his form figures are uninspiring, Shanouska always comes to hand early, won this race 12 months ago when trained by John Wilson and is now with the very capable Mary Reveley.

Steve Norton will have been disappointed with the performance of dual St Leger runner-up Spruce Baby at Doncaster on Saturday but Poteen Paddy can provide a modicum of compensation for him by winning the Greenan Maiden Stakes.

At Hereford, main interest will centre on the Lugg Handicap Chase where Grand National acceptor Spiders Well has his first run for almost three months. Rig Steel, in receipt of 11lb, may make his fitness tell against the Devon raider.

Favourite Guest, third in the Victor Ludorum at Haydock last time, should open his account over hurdles (2.15)

Mick Easterby has bright prospects of a double at Hexham with Skinnhill (2.0) and Almondbury (4.0).

● Leicester's two-day Flat meeting has been washed out. Today's card was abandoned on Saturday and tomorrow's fixture followed suit after an inspection yesterday.

Highland Chieftain second

By a Special Correspondent

Highland Chieftain collected £77,821 for his fine second to 6-4 on favourite Beau Zam (John Marshall) in the H.E. Tancred Stakes at Rosehill, Sydney, on Saturday. John Dunlop's charge, ridden by Brent Thomson, started at 33-1 on course.

The French-trained Vagnely Pleasant (who won £38,910) and Le Glorieux (£11,673) finished third and fifth respectively.

Beau Zam, a three-year-old trained by Bart Cummings, was handy throughout the 12-furlong contest, and led two furlongs out to score by 5½ lengths

Dunlop was delighted with Highland Chieftain's effort. "He was beaten by a top-class three-year-old who was fresh from a big win in the Segenhoe Stakes and favoured by the weight conditions into the bargain," he said.

Le Glorieux, the best fancied of the three Europeans, proved difficult to settle with the slow early pace. A somewhat disappointed Robert Collet said: "He pulled too hard for his own good, and I doubt if the soft ground was in his favour either."

Warning delights Harwood with impressive workout

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Warning delighted Guy Harwood in a gallop at Pulborough yesterday morning and remains a firm favourite at 3-1 to give the stable a third triumph in the General Accident 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on April 30.

"The colt worked really well with Tralos on the all-weather gallop," said the trainer. "I couldn't be more pleased."

Henry Cecil, however, was in a less cheerful mood as the seven-times champion trainer was struggling to cope with saturated work grounds at Newmarket. Ladbrokes are prepared to offer 3-1 against Cecil capturing his third Guineas with Reprimand, Sanquirico or Carmelite House.

"I haven't been able to sort them out as I haven't been able to do any serious work," he said. "The grass hasn't been fit to go on this week so I've only been using the Al Bahathri all-weather gallop."

Work-watchers say that both Sanquirico and Reprimand have been working better than Carmelite House in different gallops. But it would be unwise to come to any definite conclusion at this early stage of the game.

"I've got to get the Guineas horses out as they will all need a race," Cecil went on. "Sanquirico is likely to go for the Craven Stakes but Reprimand could miss the Greenham if the ground is bad. The state of the going will decide where both he and Carmelite House run."

Hamlet-like moods of depression, however, always tend to envelop our top trainers in wet springs. And a drying up of the Heath would see a corresponding lightening of their spirits.

Hugh Collingridge, on the other hand, was enjoying his moment as the man of the hour to the full after Mark Rimmer had driven Cuvee Charlie to a head win over Silver Haze in the William Hill Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster on Saturday.

"They'll all be asking where Collingridge is going to strike next," the 39-year-old trainer said with a smile. "Let's hope it won't be like the Lord Mayor's show — all over in a day."

Wild scenes of jubilation could be seen in the unsaddling enclosure as Richard Davies and a band of supporters celebrated their betting coup. "We started backing him at 66-1 after Christmas," said the bearded proprietor of a Stamford (Lincolnshire) snooker hall.

"We haven't exactly won a fortune but you don't need a lot on at that price. A lot of the credit must go to the jockey, Mark Rimmer, who has never lost faith in the horse."

Yesterday Cuvee Charlie was reported to be none the worse for his exertions. "The Newbury Spring Cup, the Royal Hunt Cup and perhaps a group three race will be his programme," said the trainer, whose previous big-race wins have included a Queen Elizabeth II Stakes and a Hunt Cup with Buzzards Bay.

"Fred Rickaby has worked wonders with his back problem, after some top vets had given up. And it was only in February, when it cleared up, that I started to be hopeful."

Once again the effect of the draw on the Doncaster straight mile made a nonsense of the Lincoln as a serious ante-post proposition. Cuvee Charlie, Silver Haze, Miss Cuddles and Jazetas, the first four horses home, were all drawn between 1 and 8.

The other highlight of an entertaining afternoon was the sight of that sprightly 10-year-old, Dawn's Delight, storming to a 2½-length win in the hands of Ray Cochrane in the £15,000 Cammidge Trophy. "He's now won 17 races and over £100,000 in prize money," said Ken Ivory, the winning trainer.

The jockeys finally emerged from their cocoon of silence as Jack Brooks, the secretary of the Jockeys Association, explained the reason for the three-day ban on communication.

"With the help of the two stipendiary stewards, communication with the Jockey Club about new whip regulations had been going so well that we didn't want individual members sounding off on the subject. That was one thing and, related to that, is our opinion that the playing and re-playing of incidents in running is amounting to too much 'trial by media'.

"The other thing that we wanted to bring to the attention of the public and racing in general is that PRIS, the Professional Rider's Insurance Scheme, has a shortfall of £30,000.

"The jockeys feel that owners have contributed enough and it should be possible to find the money from somewhere else in a rich industry. Don't forget that not all our members are stars."

Blinkered first time

AYR: 3.30 Stanford Boy. 4.0 Poteen Paddy. FOLKESTONE: 2.15 Carpet Capers, Glengar.

Shady Heights fourth

Shady Heights (Willie Carson) ran a sound opening race of the season to take fourth place behind Rose Or No in the group three Prix Edmond Blanc (1m) on heavy ground at Saint-Cloud on Saturday (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

Robert Armstrong's four year-old was prominent from the outset and led briefly at the two furlong post when the pacesetting favourite, Turkish Ruler, went into retreat.

He had no answer, however, to the challenges of Rose Or No and Soft Currency who ran on strongly in the last 300 yards. Rose Or No gained the ascendancy well inside the final furlong and took the £19,925 prize by 1½ lengths.

Soft Currency had three lengths to spare over Super Arianne, who finished full of running to wrest third place from the Newmarket challenger in the last 50 yards.

FOLKESTONE

Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 The Oil Baron.
2.15 Nore Hill.
2.45 Snowball David.
3.15 Lonely Street.
3.45 IRNAN (nap).
4.15 Bravo Star.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.45 Domelexta.
2.45 Restino.
2.45 Raahin.
3.15 Veronica's Friend.
3.45 Mother Country.
4.15 Calabrese.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.45 IRNAN (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 BATCHWORTH DANCER.

Going: soft **Draw: low numbers best**

1.45 HEADCORN GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £959: 5f) (9 runners)

1 (6) CHECK THE GATE (L Norman) M Brittain 8-11 ... Pat Eddery —
2 (3) 0 DOMELEXTA 4 (BF) (A Williams) P Kelleway 8-11 ... J Reid —
3 (1) FORT REGENT (Miss Y Haynes) M Haynes 8-11 ... R Fox —
5 (7) HOLSTER (Lord Hartington) D Morley 8-11 ... R Guest —
7 (5) LLANGWARREN (J Hurst) R Hoad 8-11 ... R Street —
8 (4) MIAMI BANKER (J Amass) P Arthur 8-11 ... N Adams —
11 (2) ROHERYN (Mrs J Regalar) R Hannon 8-11 ... B Rouse —
12 (8) THE MOTCOMBE OAK (W Arnott) W G M Turner 8-11 ... W Newnes —
13 (9) 4 THE OIL BARON 2 (BF) (C Blackwell) R Hannon 8-11 ... L Jones (5) —

BETTING: 7-4 Check The Gate, 11-4 The Oil Baron, 7-2 Domelexta, 5-1 Roheryn, 8-1 Holster, 12-1 others.

1987: SCHROT HANDLER 8-11 B Rouse (6-1) R Hannon 10 ran

FORM DOMELEXTA (8-11) 5th, up with the pace until dropping out final furlong, beaten 8l by Denham Green (8-11) at Doncaster (5f, £4012, soft, Mar 24, 12 ran).
CHECK THE GATE 1,500gns purchase, comes from stable in form. Foaled (Feb 27).
FORT REGENT 1,150gns purchase. Foaled Jan 12.
HOLSTER very early foal (17th Jan) by Gorytus.
The dam was best over 7f.
LLANGWARREN 3,600gns brother to Ucanbid a seller winner.
ROHERYN 3,000gns purchase. Foaled Mar 4, brother to Real Rustle a seller winner.
THE OIL BARRON (8-8), 3-1 jt-fav, 4th beaten 3½l, nk by Cannon's Spray (8-9) at Doncaster (5f, £1867, soft, Mar 26, 13 ran).
Selection: THE OIL BARRON

2.15 ALKHAM SELLING HANDICAP (£1,009: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

1 (2) 00/4000- MARIE BABY 19J (J Wilcox) F Jordan 4-8-10 ... A Bowtell (7) 97
2 (5) 000030- TOM FORRESTER 107J (G,S) (R Cross) S Dow 7-9-9 ... J Reid 95
3 (7) 404300- CARPET CAPERS 6J (B) (D Caplin) J Fitch-Heyes 4-9-8 ... M Gallagher (7) 98
5 (14) 000- RESTINO 10J (Mrs V Hambly) C Allen 4-8-3 ... J Quinn (5) —
6 (6) 100000- COSMIC FLIGHT 58J (D,F,S) (D Broad) M Usher 5-8-1 ... A McGlone 90
7 (3) 000000- LADY LUCINA 23J (C Harrison) F Jordan 4-8-1 ... A Clark 94
8 (10) 000/004- SUPERCOOMBE 13J (A Burnaham) P Butler 5-8-0 ... T Quinn 87
9 (1) 010040- EXHAUST MAN 27J (F) (Maidvale Ltd Miss B Sanders 4-8-13 ... W Newnes 94
10 (8) 00000- GLENGAR 13J (B) (T King) G Gracey 4-8-12 ... G Bardwell (5) —
11 (13) 000010- SEPTEMBER SNAP 27J (V,F) R Wright B Stevens 4-8-11 ... L Jones (5) ● 99
15 (4) 013000- SY CHANCE 12J (G,S) (R Biggs) C Wildman 5-8-8 ... Pat Eddery 94
14 (9) 08/00- VERBIER 67J (J Bradley) J M Bradley 4-8-7 ... J Williams 82
15 (15) 000100- NORE HILL 167 (B,G) (M Blanshard) M Blanshard 3-8-6 ... N Adams 90
16 (12) 04000/ THE SPORTSMAN 13J (Mrs D Woollard) J Fitch-Heyes 5-8-6 ... A Riding (7) —
20 (11) 0/00000- DOUBLER 37J (Mrs E Rickards) H O'Neill 5-8-4 ... S Witworth 96

BETTING: 3-1 Cosmic Flight, 4-1 Nore Hill, 9-2 Marie Baby, 13-2 Tom Forrester, 7-1 By Chance, 10-1 Exhaust Man, 12-1 September Snap, 16-1 Carpet Capers, 20-1 others.

1987: THE UTE 4-9-3 A Riding (10-1) J Fitch-Heyes 15 ran

FORM MARIE BABY (7-11) 8th lost touch 3 out beaten 10l by Sea Island (8-5) at Leicester (1m 4f, £2505, good, Sep 22, 15 ran).
TOM FORRESTER (9-4) 5th beaten 4¾l by Janie-O (8-12) at Lingfield (7f, £2985, good to soft, July 25, 11 ran).
SUPERCOOMBE (9-0) 4th stayed well close home beaten 5l by Harrison (8-7) at Windsor (2m, £982, seller, good, Aug 1, 15 ran).
SEPTEMBER SNAP (latest failed off behind Jeldaire; earlier (8-5) won well by 1l from September Snap (8-5) at Brighton (1m, seller, £1028, firm, Sep 30, 17 ran).
NORE HILL (7-11) 11th beaten over 9l by Bohea Destroyer (8-0) at Warwick (1m, £1907, good to soft, Oct 13, 20 ran).
Selection: TOM FORRESTER

2.45 KINGSNORTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,234: 1m 4f) (11 runners)

2 (4) 000- PEER PRINCE 154 (J Cooke) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-9-7 ... G Carter 90
3 (1) 000- BRAVO STAR 158 (Mrs R Trefus) P Mitchell 3-9-7 ... NON-RUNNER 94
4 (7) 004200- FETCHAM PARK 182 (A Perry) D Morley 3-9-6 ... R Guest 92
5 (5) 044000- CHAMPAGNE RUN 167 (Champagne Racing Ltd) M Usher 3-9-3 ... A McGlone 83
6 (3) 000- RAAHIN 142 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) Mrs L Piggott 3-8-2 ... Pat Eddery 80
8 (2) 000- AUDRINA 174 (Lady Matthews) I Matthews 3-8-11 ... N Day 83
10 (10) 30000- MERCHANT'S DREAM 167 (M Baxter) M Ryan 3-8-9 ... G Bardwell (5) 80
12 (6) 0000- SNOWBALL DAVID 145 (P Hanifan) D A Wilson 3-8-7 ... B Rouse ● 99
13 (11) 002000- QUEENS ROMANCE 189 (B Brown) B Stevens 3-8-5 ... L Jones (5) 91
14 (8) 00440- BENBERN 236 (Mrs M Doohan) Pat Mitchell 3-7-7 ... J Quinn (5) 83
16 (9) 000000- LESBET 161 (L Carlson) C Wildman 3-7-7 ... N Adams —

Long handicap: Benbern 7-4, Lesbet 6-10.
BETTING: 3-1 Snowball David, 4-1 Fetcham Park, 5-1 Peer Prince, 11-2 Raahin, 6-1 Audrina, 8-1 Queens Romance, 10-1 Champagne Run, 14-1 others.

1987: STAR NORTH 10-2 Pat Eddery (15-8 fav) L Piggott 11 ran

FORM PEER PRINCE (9-0) 7th, made an early show then stayed on at one pace, beaten 7¾l by Rowlandsons Trophy (9-0) at Nottingham (1m 2f, £959, good to soft, Oct 26, 20 ran).
FETCHAM PARK (9-5) 9th beaten 19½l by Generous Mood (1m, £1436, soft, Sep 28, 10 ran).
RAAHIN (8-11) 9th behind Night Pass (9-1) at Doncaster (1m 2f, £1647, good, Nov 7, 19 ran).
AUDRINA (8-9) 5th lost touch 2 out beaten 11l by Tharwat (8-9) at Brighton (6f, £1085, good to soft, Oct 6, 8 ran).
SNOWBALL DAVID (7-7) 6th failed to quicken in the final furlong beaten 4¼l by Valiaki (8-5) at Edinburgh (7f, £1553, good, Nov 4, 12 ran).
Selection: SNOWBALL DAVID

3.15 ALDINGTON HANDICAP (£1,335: 5f) (15 runners)

2 (4) 210000- LONELY STREET 147 (D,F,G,S) (T P Lyons III) P Arthur 7-9-10 ... N Adams 94
5 (15) 0/00000- KELLY'S ROYALE 175J (D,F,G) (F Cadman) D A Wilson 6-9-1 ... D J Williams (5) —
6 (6) 000000- LADY CARA 158 (D,G,S) (D O'Brien) H O'Neill 8-9-0 ... M Gallagher (7) 87
7 (13) 000030- FOURTH PROTOCOL 181 (M Hookway) F Hollis 4-8-11 ... I Johnson 89
8 (7) 241010- DOMINO ROSE 217 (F,G) (Mrs H Beaufort) D A Wilson 4-8-10 ... B Rouse 85
10 (11) 000004- SAMLEON 247 (CD,F,S) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 4-8-10 ... L Jones (5) 88
11 (3) 000000- SUDDEN IMPACT 154 (B,G,S) (J Roland) P Arthur 6-8-6 ... P Barnard (5) —
13 (10) 321220- THE BURDEN 244 (D,G) (M O'Connor) D Murray-Smith 3-8-5 ... R Wernham 82
15 (2) 0/34000- STREET LEVEL 67J (C,S) (R Holmes) H O'Neill 7-8-3 ... S Dawson 81
16 (9) 0/00000- GALAXY PATH 241 (E Robbins) L Cottrell 5-8-3 ... C Rutter —
17 (12) 000- VERONICA'S FRIEND 142 (Mrs H Scrope) J Shaw 3-8-3 ... G Carter —
19 (14) 0300U0- RIDGIDUCT 238 (J Berry) J Wharton 4-8-1 ... G Bardwell (5) 86
21 (5) 000310- BATCHWORTH DANCER 143 (D,S) (Mrs D Price) M Brittain 3-8-0 ... A Munro (7) ● 99
23 (1) 100004- ROYAL BEAR 196 (D,F,S) (E Monaghan) J M Bradley 5-7-7 ... M Thomas 89
24 (8) 003000- SHARAD 167 (B,D,G,S) (J Nicholson) B Stevens 8-7-7 ... R Fox 85

Long handicap: Royal Bear 7-4, Sharad 7-2.
BETTING: 5-2 Batchworth Dancer, 100-30 Lonely Street, 7-2 Royal Bear, 13-2 Domino Rose, 8-1 Street Level, 12-1 Lady Cara, 14-1 The Burden, 16-1 others.

1987: DUCK FLIGHT 5-9-12 Pat Eddery (4-1 fav) J Douglas-Home 14 ran

FORM LONELY STREET most recent form (8-13) won well by 1l from Last Recovery (8-4) at Leicester (6f, £2336, good, Sep 22, 22 ran).
FOURTH PROTOCOL (8-4) 8th of 9 to finished (9-2) at Goodwood; earlier (8-11) 3rd lost his lead over 1 out when beaten 5l by Shabib (9-9) at Wolverhampton (1m 1f, £1047, firm, Sep 14, 7 ran).
DOMINO ROSE (9-4) 5th beaten 6½l by My Serenade (8-6) at Windsor (6f, seller, £859, good to firm, Aug 24, 14 ran).
SAMLEON (7-11) 4th beaten 8l by Glenroyale (8-8) at Warwick (1m, £2541, good to firm, July 25, 7 ran).
THE BURDEN (7-7) 6th beaten 9l by Pea Green (9-0) at Goodwood in good contest (5f, £9255, good to firm, July 26, 9 ran).
BATCHWORTH DANCER (8-0) 7th made a little late headway beaten over 5l by Farfield Lad (8-6) at Doncaster (5f, £1962, good, Nov 6, 22 ran).
Selection: THE BURDEN

3.45 ROCHESTER GRADUATION STAKES (£959: 6f) (20 runners)

3 (9) 00/0000- TENDER TIFF 290 (S) (A Sturge) P Mitchell 4-9-7 ... W R Swinburn —
4 (5) 200000- VIVA RONDA 183 (F) (J Li) Pat Mitchell 4-9-7 ... A Durinin (7) —
6 (4) 00- CUT UP ROUGH 296 (Mrs N Duffield) L Cottrell 4-9-0 ... I Johnson —
7 (19) 02410- FACT FINDER 39J (A Spence) R Akehurst 4-9-0 ... J Reid —
9 (15) 0 SPARE US ALL 198 (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 4-9-0 ... J Curant —
10 (18) 400000- DOUBLE TALK 148J (H O'Neill) H O'Neill 4-8-11 ... M Gallagher (7) —
11 (7) MADAME FLORA 653 (J Stafford) H O'Neill 4-8-11 ... J Williams —
12 (13) 4- MOTHER COUNTRY 318 (W H-Bass) W Hastings-Bass 4-8-11 ... D Gibson (7) —
13 (10) 13- IRNAN 229 (S) D (Prince A Faisal) J Dunlop 3-8-7 ... Pat Eddery ● 99
14 (17) 4131- SLEEPLINE FANTASY 152 (G) (Sleepline Holdings) K Brassey 3-8-7 ... P Cook 85
15 (1) 00- COUNT ME OUT 194 (Mrs K Smith) R Hoad 3-7-11 ... R Street —
16 (14) EFFERVESCENT (Mrs S Khan) G Lewis 3-7-11 ... C Rutter —
17 (11) 0- FORGET THE BLUES 153 (A Etheridge) D A Wilson 3-7-11 ... D J Williams (5) —
22 (2) 340023- ROB DE VILLE 151 (R De Lisser) G Kindersley 3-7-11 ... B Crossley 83
23 (6) 00400- SHAYAD 150 (V) (B Azamoudeh) P Arthur 3-7-11 ... N Adams 86
25 (12) 302- VALIANT SAINT 202 (J Swaine) D Murray-Smith 3-7-11 ... A McGlone 92
26 (8) DARING DITTY (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 3-7-8 ... S Dawson —
27 (3) 00- LUCY'S LUCK 185 (J McGrath) G Lewis 3-7-8 ... R Fox —
28 (16) 00- MAY PIN 175 (Joe Jennings) G Lewis 3-7-8 ... M L Thomas —
29 (20) 000303- RATION OF PASSION 215 (H Bryce-Smith) J Bridger 3-7-8 ... D Mckay 94

BETTING: 5-4 Irnan, 6-1 Valiant Saint, 7-1 Ration Of Passion, 8-1 Sleepline Fantasy, 10-1 Mother Country, Fact Finder, 14-1 Lucy's Luck, 16-1 Rob De Ville, 20-1 Shayad.

1987: (Div I) TAUBER 3-7-11 R Rowe (9-4) Pat Mitchell 12 ran
(Div II) DARLEY KNIGHT 3-8-7 Pat Eddery (8-15 fav) J Dunlop 12 ran

FORM FACT FINDER Irish recruit, recently 7th in 1m 2f h'cap; earlier, was the 9-4 fav, (8-10) won well by 1½l from Fourlove (8-7) at the Curragh (1m, approx, mdn, yelding, 3rd June).
MOTHER COUNTRY (8-8) 4th was not given a hard time when beaten 3½l by Wantage Park (8-11) at Beverley (5f, £985, good to firm, May 15, 17 ran).
IRNAN (9-6) 3rd stayed on well when beaten 1¼l by Hoy (9-0) at Salisbury (6f, £4630, good, Aug 12, 8 ran).
SLEEPLINE FANTASY 9-1) 3rd failed to quicken inside final furlong beaten 1l by Donovan Rose (7-8) at Edinburgh (5f, £1592, good, Oct 28, 16 ran).
ROB DE VILLE (8-12) 3rd failed to find much close home beaten 6½l by Tyrian Belle (8-7) here (6f, £952, good to soft, Oct 29, 13 ran).
VALIANT SAINT (7-12) 2nd stayed on well close home beaten ½l by Bu-Sofyan (9-13) here (6f, £1444, good, Sep 8, 13 ran).
RATION OF PASSION (8-8) 3rd failed to quicken inside the final furlong beaten 7l by Valrose Lady (8-8) at Bath (5f, £1693, good to firm, Aug 26, 18 ran).
Selection: IRNAN

4.15 SHORNCLIFFE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £959: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

2 (6) 000- BRAVE CRUSADER 146 (B Tattersall-Walker) M Haynes 9-0 ... J Reid —
3 (5) 000- BRAVO STAR 188 (Mrs R Trefus) P Mitchell 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 97
4 (4) 0002- CALABRESE 145 (C Spence) D Morley 9-0 ... B Rouse ● 99
5 (7) GISSMO (B Trotman) H O'Neill 9-0 ... S Whitworth —
6 (1) JAMAICA GEORGE (D Dobson) R Simpson 9-0 ... M Gallagher (7) —
8 (2) RAINBOW BRITE (N Goymer) Miss B Sanders 9-0 ... W Newnes —
9 (3) BEAU ECHARPE (A Scrafe) J Shaw 8-11 ... G Carter —

BETTING: 8-15 Calabrese, 5-2 Bravo Star, 8-1 Jamaica George, 14-1 Brave Crusader, 20-1 others.

1987: NORTHERN ALLIANCE 9-0 Sexton (11-2) G Lewis 11 ran

FORM BRAVE CRUSADER (9-0) 10th behind Vayrus (9-0) at Leicester (1m, £1053, soft, Nov 3, 21 ran).
BRAVO STAR (9-0) 6th never a serious factor beaten 9¼l by Laughing Moon (9-0) at Warwick (1m, £1482, soft, Oct 12, 17 ran).
CALABRESE (9-0) 2nd lost his lead inside the final furlong when beaten 4l by Imaginary Sound (9-0) at Edinburgh (1m, £1412, good, Nov 4, 15).
BEAU ECHARPE a half-sister 5l winner Rapid Glory and a winner in Sweden.
Selection: CALABRESE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
L Cottrell	3	8	37.5
R Akehurst	5	20	25.0
G Lewis	9	41	22.0
P Kelleway	3	14	21.4
M Morley	4	26	15.4
M Ryan	4	27	14.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	11	37	29.7
N Day	3	15	20.0
W R Swinburn	6	32	18.8
J Reid	6	40	15.0
P Cook	6	45	13.3
S Whitworth	5	39	12.8

HEREFORD

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Favourite Guest. 2.45 Random Traveller. 3.15 Timurs Double. 3.45 Rig Steel. 4.15 True Poet. 4.45 La Grande Dame.

Going: good to soft

2.15 EAGLE NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £843: 2m) (17 runners)

2 3031 GARDA'S GOLD 9 (D,S) R Dickin 5-11-11 ... M Jones (7)
3 0301 SUNSET VALLEY 23 (C,F) T Forster 6-11-11 ... L Harvey
4 1PP0 LA BELLE OF SANTO 138 (CD,F) B Wells 5-11-8 ... Mr M Darby
9 0P0 BELVEL 21 D Wintle 5-11-4 ... H Davies
14 400 DUKE'S WHISTLE 34 D Nicholson 5-11-4 ... R Dunwoody
16 00 FERNS BUNYIP 18 M Brown 6-11-4 ... J Brown (7)
21 980 JAY'AY'DEE 38 B Preece 5-11-4 ... T Wall
22 P0 OUR ALIBI 18 G Kindersley 5-11-4 ... C Mann
24 P000 RUN OF WELD 10 W Morris 5-11-4 ... P Scudamore
25 00 SHERGOR 21 J Edwards 5-11-4 ... T Morgan
27 3- TRUSTY FRIEND 364 J Edwards 6-11-4 ... D Tegg (4)
28 0 COUNTRY DIARY 26 M McCourt 5-10-13 ... G McCourt
32 0 LE NID 20 Mrs S Ver 5-10-13 ... —
36 400- SEAPATRICK 350 J Webber 5-10-13 ... G Mernagh
37 PP STOP THE CLOCK 68 Mrs W Sykes 5-10-13 ... C Llewellyn
38 03 FAVOURITE GUEST 23 Miss S Wilton 4-10-10 ... S Davies (7)
41 00 COME ON OYSTON 25 F Yardley 4-10-5 ... C Cox

BETTING: 11-4 Favourite Guest, 7-2 Shergor, 4-1 Sunset Valley, 6-1 Duke's Whistle, 7-1 Garda's Gold, 10-1 Trusty Friend, 12-1 others.

2.45 ARROW NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,088: 2m) (14)

1 3-0U CONDICOTE BOY 32 D Nicholson 7-11-11 ... R Dunwoody
6 PP38 SHROPSHIRE LAD 16 (F) D Barons 6-11-2 ... P Nicholls
7 00PF DOBSONS CHOICE 10 (F,S) Mrs S Evans 10-10-8 ... P Warner
8 0032 MANDRAKI SHUFFLE 10 (B) J Old 6-10-8 ... S McNeill
10 F3-0 IOWA 20 (S) G Doldge 9-10-8 ... P Croucher
11 004U ANNE RA 28 (S) B Preece 6-10-6 ... Mr R Bevan (7)
13 F200 RANDOM TRAVELLER 24 (S) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-5 ... M Bowlby
14 0043 KILFORD 10 P Ransom 8-10-4 ... Miss V Williams
16 -PP4 TO ASTERI 27 (G) Miss J Horwood 7-10-0 ... M James (7)
19 0P00 CHELSEA MAN 24 (B) D Williams 7-10-0 ... W Humphreys (4)
20 -000 GEORGE MORGAN 20 R Lee 10-10-0 ... B Dowling
22 0-P0 CLIONDA 68 (B) J Trapp 7-10-0 ... T Wall
23 040F POLO BOY 13 G Balding 8-10-0 ... S Hodgson (7)
24 PF0- SEA COUNTESS 329 M Pipe 8-10-0 ... —

Long handicap: To Asteri 9-13, Chelsea Man 9-12, George Morgan 9-12, Clionda 9-12, Polo Boy, 9-12, Sea Countess 9-12.
BETTING: 5-2 Mandraki Shuffle, 3-1 Random Traveller, 5-1 Condicote Boy, 6-1 Anne Ra, 8-1 Polo Boy, 10-1 others.

3.15 MASH TUN NOVICES CHASE (£1,088: 2m 3f) (13)

3 P1FP MOUNTAIN CRASH 12 (F,G,S) J Edwards 8-11-12 ... T Morgan
4 13F2 NOBLE EYRE 23 (BF,S) D Gandolfo 7-11-12 ... M Williams
5 00F1 MY PURPLE PROSE 28 (S) J Old 7-11-7 ... S McNeill
6 -0PP ALANERRY 10 (B) W Morris 8-11-5 ... W Morris
7 P040 COME ON CITY 3 R Hickman 7-11-5 ... P Warner
9 PUPP EXCLUSIVE FOX 3 (S) Miss P Morris 11-11-5 ... A O'Hagan
14 -232 MR SEAGULL 12 (F) Mrs S Hembrow 10-11-5 ... A Jones
16 2P3B ROMERHOF 13 (B) P O'Connor 7-11-5 ... P Scudamore
17 3-0P SCOTS LAD 25 D Jenny 7-11-5 ... R Dennis
19 2P63 TIMURS DOUBLE 16 (G,S) T Forster 7-11-5 ... H Davies
22 2-00 WRONG RIGHTED 68 R Lee 7-11-5 ... B Dowling
23 /0P0 DUSKY'S SPIRIT 35 D Holly 7-11-0 ... P Richards
25 0BPF TORRE TRADER 23 R Frost 5-10-10 ... J Frost

BETTING: 3-1 Noble Eyre, 7-2 Mountain Crash, 4-1 My Purple Prose, 5-1 Romerhof, 6-1 Timurs Double, 10-1 others.

3.45 LUGG HANDICAP CHASE (£1,932: 3m 1f) (9)

2 1113 SPIDER'S WELL 88 (CD,F,G,S) D Barons 12-12-1 ... P Nicholls
3 0PP- BALLYMILAN 412 (G,S) F Sheridan 11-12-0 ... P Scudamore
6 F412 BORDER LAD 19 (G,S) M Oliver 7-11-4 ... E Buckley
7 023F RIG STEEL 11 (C,D,F,G,S) P Cundell 8-11-4 ... P Dever
9 3210 FELL CLIMB 58 (B,D,F,G,S) P Bailey 8-11-2 ... B Powell
13 0243 MOUNT OLIVER 87 (CD,F,G,S) M Scudamore 10-10-6 ... A Stamps
14 1-2P STABLE LAD 28 (G,S) J Edwards 9-10-1 ... Mr M Richards (4)
19 240P SIR KENWIN 16 (B,G,S) R Armytage 10-10-0 ... Geo Armytage
21 0034 SALLISSES 16 (F) R Shail 9-10-0 ... Miss A Langton (7)

BETTING: 5-2 Rig Steel, 7-2 Spider's Well, 4-1 Border Lad, 6-1 Mount Oliver, Fell Climb, 8-1 Stable Lad, 16-1 others.

4.15 EAGLE NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £787: 2m) (17)

1 20 ALISANDY 18 J Edwards 5-11-4 ... T Morgan
2 0PP- GAYMOUNT 318 J Needham 7-11-4 ... —
3 00 BWANA KALI 37 J Bennett 6-11-4 ... P Croucher
6 0-04 FATHER PADDY 28 J Webber 6-11-4 ... G Mernagh
9 P-PP HOLBROOKE TOWER 20 (B) J Baker 8-11-4 ... M Williams
11 4F0F MASTER THAMES 26 D Nicholson 5-11-4 ... R Dunwoody
13 0 MUGWUMP 31 G Small 6-11-4 ... J Frost
15 -130 SIRI DUBEL 223 (F) P Ransom 7-11-4 ... S Smith Eccles
17 0-00 THE BIG WHEEL 100 E Owen 5-11-4 ... D J Burchell (4)
18 200- TUDOR-RAG 277 M Oliver 7-11-4 ... E Buckley
23 3P0 BLUE RAINBOW 24 E Owen 5-10-13 ... S Davies (7)
26 0 LASTING HOPE 25 Mrs J Pitman 8-10-13 ... M Pitman
28 MISS HADDON J Bosley 5-10-13 ... M Bosley
32 SPARKLING GEM Lady S Brooke 5-10-13 ... R Hyett
33 0 TRUE POET 137 N Henderson 6-10-13 ... —
35 CHESAPEAKE CITY N Gaselee 4-10-10 ... P Scudamore
37 0P0 FAIR MINSTREL 91 R Dickin 4-10-5 ... M Jones (7)

BETTING: 9-4 Father Paddy, 3-1 True Poet, 9-2 Lasting Hope, 6-1 Alisandy, 7-1 Chesapeake City, 8-1 Master Thames.

4.45 GRASSHOPPER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,242: 2m 3f) (22)

1 4023 TRUE SPARTAN 17 (S) G Price 8-11-13 ... M Price (7)
2 0000 GILT FUTURE 30 (S) D Wintle 6-11-12 ... R Supple (7)
3 -0F4 LA GRANDE DAME 12 (B,S) M Pipe 5-11-9 ... D Gallagher (4)
5 U00P STRABOUT 9 (B,F,S) N Henderson 8-11-7 ... —
6 0000 TROY FAIR 37 (S) J Edwards 6-11-6 ... T Morgan
7 -P0P BOLD MONK 12 (F,G) D Barons 6-11-2 ... P Nicholls
9 1-00 INTREPID LAD 28 (G) M McCourt 6-11-1 ... D Bridgwater (7)
11 P04F RIX WOODCOCK 74 (F,S) G Kindersley 7-10-12 ... C Mann
12 -00P SWIFT ASCENT 118 (F,S) A Barrow 6-10-12 ... B Powell
14 101/ SEASON'S DELIGHT 698 (C,D,F,S) R Holder 9-10-11 ... A Dicks (7)
15 P-F2 AMERICK 216 (F) J Roberts 8-10-9 ... L Harvey
17 0002 NINO VOLADOR 29 (S) Miss S Wilton 7-10-7 ... S O'Neill
19 3000 MARINER'S LAD 28 (B,S) P Bevan 6-10-6 ... R Dunwoody
21 32-0 STORMY MONARCH 35 (G,S) G H Jones 7-10-0 ... G Jones
23 0UFF PYLEIGH PRINCE 31 T Bill 7-10-5 ... C Kellett (7)
26 0/00 TIME-BEE 20 (B,F,S) J P Smith 7-10-3 ... A Webb
29 0001 SMITHY BEAR 4 (B,S) R Dickin 6-10-8 (7ex) ... W Humphreys (4)
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FOOTBALL: THE FIRST DIVISION'S NEWEST MANAGER ASSESSES HIS TEAM'S PROSPECTS FROM A SEAT IN THE STAND AT SELHURST PARK

Thomas to claim damages

By Dennis Signy

Legal representatives of Danny Thomas, the Tottenham Hotspur player whose career has been ended by injury, have issued a writ claiming damages from Gavin Maguire, the Queen's Park Rangers defender, and the club, the biggest case of its kind involving two League players.

Thomas, a full back with Tottenham and Coventry who has represented England, has a benefit match against Manchester United at White Hart Lane tonight. He is claiming specific damages of £398,000, comprising £47,500 for loss of earnings over each of the next six years, and £113,000 for loss of pension rights. He has undergone two operations. In addition, Thomas is asking for unqualified damages for the anguish caused by the loss of his career.

The writ, which Rangers and their player intend to defend, follows a tackle by Maguire in a first division match a year ago at White Hart Lane that was recorded by television cameras.

Thomas, aged 26, has been working in the Tottenham commercial department but is starting a three-year course in physiotherapy in the north. Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, John Barnes, and two former Tottenham colleagues, Steve Archibald and Graham Roberts, plan to support his benefit game..

Sunderland face immediate disciplinary action after crowd disturbances at the match at York City at the weekend, which they lost 2-1. Football Association officials will launch an inquiry today after hundreds of unruly supporters scaled a 10ft fence and snapped a goal post and crossbar.

The trouble occurred in the second half when the referee disallowed a Sunderland goal and a penalty. The referee, Peter Danson, had to halt the third division game for three minutes when 150 of the 5,000 Sunderland supporters invaded the pitch, prompting the Sunderland manager, Denis Smith, to plead with the crowd to behave.

The FA disciplinary spokesman, Eric Dinnie, said: "Normally we wait for reports from officials, but in view of the seriousness of the incidents at York we will contact the referee for details and launch an immediate inquiry." A total of 32 Sunderland supporters have since been charged.

● Ernie Walley, who receatly lost his job as Chelsea coach, has joined Watford in a temporary capacity with the reserve side until the end of the season.

● Derek Mann, the physiotherapist, and Steve Foley, the youth team coach, are leaving Watford because property prices in the area are too high for them. Foley is returaing to his position at Colchester United.

● Ray Clemence, the Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper who has played a British record 1,100 first-class games, has decided to retire. A muscle injury sustained in a reserve match at Brighton last week plus the arrival at Tottesham of Bobby Mimms from Everton for £375,000, led to his decision to abandon thoughts of a comeback.

Lawrenson set on a solo course to halt Oxford decline

By Clive White

Charlton Athletic 0
Oxford United 0

Mark Lawrenson has suffered two culture shocks in his life. The first was about 14 years ago when he saw Bobby Charlton being roughly treated in third division matches and the second was on Saturday, when he went to the modest home-from-home of another Charlton and discovered the gruesome truth about life at the bottom of the first division.

One could hardly have blamed Lawrenson, shortly to be appointed manager of Oxford United, if he had spent the rest of the weekend reexamining the release clause in his contract – either that or getting a second opinion on the ruptured Achilles tendon which has forced one of the world's great defenders prematurely into management.

However, he has no regrets. "I remember playing under Bobby Charlton when he was player-manager of Preston and watching him getting kicked up in the air at places like Halifax," Lawrenson said. "Packing it in at the top with Liverpool made it easier when I thought about things like that."

Besides, Lawrenson was not given much choice in the matter. It was a case of playing on for a few more games and risk being crippled for life or moving on to a completely new challenge. "When I've played this season, I've just got through on experience and not enjoyed it," he said.

What he did regret was having to "string along a few people", including Bobby's brother, Jack, the Republic of Ireland manager, about his hopes of returning from injury. But he intends to be there, cheering them on, in the European championship finals.

In the weeks ahead Lawrenson is going to have to become as proficient a spectator as he was a player. The learning process began in earnest as, seated in the stands, he watched this undignified scramble for points and then commented with total honesty and accuracy: "I don't think either side really created anything. I think we gave it to each other." He might have added that they then both threw it away.

For reasons other than earning three points he sees his initial task in his first game in charge, against Arsenal on Wednesday, as simply winning. Eighteen games without a win is not the sort of habit that Lawrenson has been brought up with. "Winning is a good habit to get into," he said with the conviction of a man who knows.

He thought there was something to work on. For the time being, he will have to do so single-handedly, having dismissed Ray Graydon as coach – one of the less-rewarding tasks of management, as he has soon discovered. He hopes to start next season with Frank Stapleton alongside him as player-coach.

After two encouraging victories, the result was a disappointment to Charlton Athletic. But their manager, Lennie Lawrence, one of life's realists, was satisfied with the point. Lawrenson, too, will learn to be grateful for small mercies.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC: R Bolder; J Humphrey, M Reid, S Mackenzie, S Thompson, P Miller, M Stuart, C Leaburn, S Gritt, R Lee (sub: P Williams), G Crooks.

OXFORD UNITED: P Hucker; D Bardsley, J Dreyer, G Shelton, G Briggs (sub: R Hill), C Greenall, T Hebberd, M Foyle, D Saunders, L Phillips, R Muston.
Referee: R L Hemer.

Taken aback: Nigel Clough receives the attention of Gary Mabbutt at White Hart Lane

Campbell's work to rule policy

By Dennis Signy

Chelsea 0
Southampton 1

Bobby Campbell, installed as caretaker manager until the end of the season, discovered there is no instant answer to the pleas for success. The pre-match chants signalling approval that Hazard was still at Stamford Bridge had changed to the more familiar "what a load of rubbish" by the end as the Chelsea team "froze".

Campbell's answer was to call the players to the ground yesterday to apply what he described as "shop-floor psychiatry" in preparation for tomorrow's home game against Watford. The only change from the John Hollins era was the introduction of Hitchcock, a confident East Londoner signed by Campbell last week from Mansfield Town for £250,000.

Hitchcock's debut, which started so brightly when he threw the ball from his area well into the Southampton half, ended in controversy. Baker sent a high ball into the Chelsea goalmouth after 76 minutes and Clarke went up with Hitchcock to challenge. The ball came back for Baker to ram in the match-winning goal.

Hitchcock claimed he was fouled. Campbell, who reckons that Hitchcock is in the top bracket of goalkeepers subscribed to the view. The referee ruled a goal and Southampton collected the points and moved decisively away from the relegation zone to tenth position, while Chelsea completed their nineteenth match without victory.

Whatever the merit of the decision justice was certainly done. Southampton, only twice winners in their 11 previous games, adapted far better to the blustery wind as Case assured the ball stayed on the ground. Southampton were also unlucky three minutes earlier when Clive Wilson, who had just replaced his namesake, Kevin, patently grabbed Baker's shirt in the penalty area and sent him tumbling.

Dixon, looking anything but a £1 million-rated player, managed one shot. The best chance fell to Hazard seven minutes from time. He was almost under the bar when he put a centre from Nevin over the top and now Campbell will give thought to changing Chelsea's tactical sweeper system.

CHELSEA: K Hitchcock; S Clarke, T Dorigo, C Pates (sub: G Hall), S Wicks, D Wood, P Nevin, M Hazard, K Dixon, K Wilson (sub: C Wilson), J Bumstead.

SOUTHAMPTON: J Burridge; G Forrest, D Statham, J Case, M Blake, K Bond, G Baker, G Cockerill, C Clarke, A Townsend, D Wallace (sub: A Shearer).
Referee: H King.

Ardiles truly a marked man

By David Powell

Plymouth Argyle 3
Blackburn Rovers 0

Osvaldo Ardiles had as much trouble getting out of the car park on Saturday as the Blackburn coach did getting in. "Half an hour it took us," Don Mackay, the Blackburn manager, said, complaining of his team's delay on arrival at Home Park.

As Ardiles limped away following his truncated second division debut, his progress was slow; and, even when he arrived at his chairman's waiting car, the vehicle was surrounded by those drawn to the novelty of a World Cup winner playing in Plymouth.

By then Ardiles was used to life in a closet. On the pitch he had experienced similar confinement before he was forced to the sidelines after 49 minutes. "He is going to be hounded – he is a quality player in the second division whereas in the first he was one of many," Nicky Marker, the Plymouth player who had ended the little man's involvement, said. Marker lived up to his name not so much by his tactical marking as by the mark he made on Ardiles's left ankle.

So the 35-year-old was heading back to White Hart Lane sooner than expected. The treatment table was booked as hurriedly as he had left Tottenham on Thursday to beat the transfer deadline. Ardiles hardly spoke a word, unlike the manager who had signed him on loan.

Mackay put the boot in as heavily as Marker. "It's a disgrace – is this a football club, or what?" he said, warming up for his comments about the car park by berating the scalding temperature of the showers. A steward laboured down the corridor with buckets of cold water; but if anyone needed cooling down it was Mackay.

"We didn't play at all; the third goal was tantamount to suicide," Mackay said, leaving no irritation unaired.

At no time did Blackburn show why they are second in the division. Barker's tireless work in midfield and Price's occasional excursions down the flank from right back were the only features of their play. But Barker's performance was blighted by his howler: tackled just outside the his own penalty area to leave Hodges with an easy third goal. Evans's free shot from 15 yards for the first and Burrows's unmarked header for the second looked difficult by comparison.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE: S Cherry; J Brimacombe, J Uzzell (sub: L Cooper), A Burrows, N Marker, M Smith, K Hodges, J Mastrowe, T Tynan, S Evans, K Summerfield.

BLACKBURN ROVERS: T Gennoe; C Price, C Sulley, S Barker, C Hendry, D Mail (sub: I Miller), N Reid, S Archibald, O Ardiles (sub: A Ainscow), S Garner, S Sellars.

Referee: D Elleray.

Forest are living in a dream

By Vince Wright

Tottenham Hotspur 1
Nottingham Forest 1

Nottingham Forest must be relieved that League matches have little or no bearing on the outcome of FA Cup ties. If they had, their chances of beating Liverpool in the semi-final at Hillsborough on April 9 would be virtually nil. As it is, Forest's unconvincing performance against Tottenham on Saturday will not dissuade them from believing that they can reach their first FA Cup final for 29 years.

Forest cannot afford to give Liverpool the sort of opportunities that were presented to Tottenham. Two of them fell to Paul Allen towards the end of the first half but on each occasion he pulled his shot wide of the far post. Claesen should also have got on the score sheet and Forest were twice indebted to Sutton's alert goalkeeping.

Tottenham, with Claesen partnering Walsh in attack and Hodge playing his first match since January, showed more promise than of late but they faded badly, and like their North London neighbours, Arsenal, are over-reliant on the off-side trap. This failing led to Forest's equalizer after 67 minutes. Webb's precise pass found Nigel Clough all alone and as the linesman rightly kept his flag down the England under-21 international slid the ball pass Mimms to score off the foot of a post.

A bizarre own goal by Foster after 16 minutes freed Tottenham of their inferiority complex. The Forest centre half, under no pressure, lobbed the ball over Sutton's head with a delicacy which many forwards would have envied.

Forest did not recover until the second half but in the end they were well worth a draw.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Mimms; B Statham, M Thomas, T Fenwick, (sub: P Moran), C Fairclough, G Mabbutt, P Walsh, P Allen, S Hodge, V Samways, N Claesen (sub: D Howells).

NOTTINGHAM FORET: S Sutton; G Fleming, S Chettle, D Walker, C Foster, T Wilon, G Crosby, N Webb, N Clough, P Wilkinson, B Rica.

Colne exploit Sudbury's weak defence

By Paul Newman

The final of the FA Vase at Wembley next month will be a Roses contest between Colne Dynamoes, from the Bass North West Counties League, and Emley, from the Northern Counties East League. In the second legs of the semi-finals on Saturday, Colne won 2-0 at home to Sudbury Town (3-1 on aggregate) and Emley won 1-0 at home to Bashley (2-1 on aggregate).

Colne, the fourth team from their league to reach the final in four years, had to wait until the 85th minute for their first goal, scored by Diamond. Sudbury immediately threw more players into attack, but four minutes later Rodaway took advantage of the gaps in the visitors' defence to secure Colne's victory.

Emley, who were knocked out at the semi-final stage last year, went through with a fiftieth-minute goal by Francis. Bashley pushed forward in search of an equalizer, but created few opportunities against Emley's well-organized defence.

Justice done by late goal from Swindon

By Nicholas Harling

Swindon Town 2
Crystal Palace 2

Crystal Palace spent the best part of yesterday's second division match at the County Ground looking anything but promotion candidates only to come within 90 seconds of seizing an undeserved win that would have made a mockery of most that had gone before.

Parkin's 89th-minute equalizer was the very least that Swindon deserved although the home side still had reason to rue the three chances missed in almost as many minutes by White midway through a scrappy first half. White partially atoned by heading in the 57th-minute corner from O'Regan, flicked on to him by Parkin.

For two sides managed by respected internationals from one of Manchester United's most illustrious periods, the plethora of hopeful long balls in the first half was a sad, although predictable, disappointment.

The moral of the tale should not be lost on Palace for as soon as Cannon picked out Bright with a accurate long pass after 71 minutes, Palace equalized. The centre from Bright was perfect and Wright launched himself to score with a header that was just too powerful for Digby's dive.

Four minutes later Palace went in front following another right-wing raid. Pardew set Wright free and he reciprocated with an accurate low cross that Bright tucked in at the far post.

Neither of the two Palace forwards, who have now collected 42 goals between them this season, had made much headway earlier against a defence bolstered for the second match running by Quinn, the Northern Ireland international forward.

SWINDON TOWN: F Digby; D Hockaday, P King, K O'Regan, T Parkin, J Gittens, R Wegerle, D Bamber, J Quinn, S White, S Foley.

CRYSTAL PALACE: P Sucding; A Finnagan, D Burke, A Pardew, G Nebbeling, J Cannon, G Pennyfather, G Thomas, M Bright, I Wright, P Barber.
Referee: K Cooper.

Liverpool's armour can be pierced

By Martin Searby

Liverpool 2
Wimbledon 1

Should these two sides meet in the FA Cup final those who foresee a one-sided affair may be forced to revise their opinions. Wimbledon have the power and commitment to trouble a team that has brushed others aside.

Hansen and Gillespie were in plenty of bother with Fashanu and Cork, the two forwards, particularly in the early stages, and if Sanchez and Ryan had managed an equal effort in midfield, Wimbledon might have emerged with at least a point.

Gould pointed out that he had seven men under the age of 21 on the field and said: "They have learned that they have to work as hard as Liverpool, who are a world-class side, if they want to get anywhere."

Indeed, if Wise had reached Cork's cross from the right, after Hansen had misjudged one of the many long balls, Liverpool may not have been able to settle into a familiar rhythm.

The inexperience of Young, a talented but raw defender, and the inactivity of the midfield pair gave Liverpool ample scope to demonstrate the skill of Beardsley and Barnes. Aldridge's header created a goal out of nothing to undo Wimbledon's good start. Beardsley created the second goal with Barnes converting.

Rapturous applause greeted the first appearance of the season by the manager but he had been on the field only 75 seconds when Young headed home Phelan's corner.

Dalglish said: "We have reached the stage where points are more important than performance."" Thank heavens his team is more eloquent.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; G Gillespie, G Ablett; S Nicol, N Spackman, A Hansen; P Beardsley, J Aldridge (sub: K Dalglish), C Johnston, J Barnes, S McMahon (sub: J Molby).

WIMBLEDON: D Beasant; J Scales, T Phelan; V Ryan, E Young, A Thorn; L Cunningham, A Cork (sub: A Sayer), J Fashanu, L Sanchez, D Wise.
Referee: G Courtney.

ATHLETICS

Victor has nothing but praise for Tooby

From Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent
Auckland

Angela Tooby did not quite have the resources to beat Ingrid Kristiansen on the day, but the world's greatest woman distance runner had an unparallelled compliment for Tooby after the Norwegian had won her first world-cross country title here on Saturday.

"I like runners like Angela," Kristiansen said. "She runs in the front and tries to make a good race. And that's the important thing, to make women's running better. Nobody wants to try. We don't have too many women who try to be better, like she does."

That was some solace for the British runner who, tempted by the impetuous Kenyan teenagers, probably tried a little too hard too early to get rid of Kristiansen and could not respond when the Norwegian forged past to victory.

But Tooby finished well clear in second and, with Jill Hunter excelling in her first international season to finish ninth, and Susan Tooby and Fiona Truman sixteenth and 34th respectively, the second team place behind the Soviet women was a considerable triumph for Britain after the tribulations of the previous week.

But, quite simply, with the team that should have come here, the British would have dominated the women's race in the same way that the Kenyans dominated the senior and junior men's. That does not simply refer to the absence of Zola Budd, for which the International Amateur Athletic Federation can take much discredit. It refers principally to Liz McColgan.

As Liz Lynch, she finished a closer second last year than Tooby, after leading the race for 98 per cent of the way. But, for reasons unclear, McColgan chose instead to run a 10-kilometre road race next weekend in Bali (with Angela Tooby and others from the British team).

Without mentioning her by name, Kristiansen had something to say about this, too. "It's always important to go to the world championships, more important than going to races with lots of money. All the best athletes in the world are at the championships, from Russia and the rest of the East. I think it's very important, because you're going to meet these people at the Olympic Games. But also, I can't understand why the federation lets athletes go to money races and miss championships."

Tooby: gallant effort

Thereby hang two tales. McColgan got thrashed by Kristiansen in the world championship 10,000 metres in Rome last summer, a race for which McColgan had been one of the favourites. And there is $30,000 prize-money in Bali, a race McColgan won last year. And last, there is a British federation which does not give a damn about cross-country running. Yet this is the only arena in the world where the British women are better than their male counterparts. They are being sold short.

As for Kristiansen, she won her first cross-country title six days after winning the world 15-kilometre road championship in 35° C in Australia. She put it delightfully into perspective. "I'm not a good cross-country runner, because I don't like the surface. But now I can say I'm the best as well as the best road and track runner. And everybody can see little Norway, in the north of Europe, can beat the world."

Little Kenya did not do too badly, either, with John Ngugi and Wilfred Kiovchi successfully defending their respective titles; with their four counting team members in the first five, plus sixth and seventh out of 95 in the junior race; and with their six-man senior team in the first seven, with eighth and ninth also, out of 198, they have got it so right that the rest of the world could only trail in wondering what they have to do to best them.

Mike Kosgei, the national coach, offered some crumbs of comfort."There's no secret. It's not altitude that makes the difference," he said, an opinion borne out by the last team place of the Nepalese. "It's hard work!" So now we know.

RESULTS: MEN (12km): 1, J Ngugi (Ken), 34min 32sec; 2, P Kipkoech (Ken), 34:54; 3, W Koskei (Ken), 35:07; 4, B Mwende (Ken), 35:22; 5, A Ilaksonnen (Fin), 35:25; 6, M Tanui (Ken), 35:25; 7, J Kipkum (Ken), 35:46; 8, K Rono (Ken), 35:47; 9, J Muge (Ken), 35:48; 10, H Bulbuto (Eth), 35:51; British placings: 13, R Hackney (GB), 36:04; 27, S Binns, 36:28:34, D Buzza, 36:35:43, E Martin, 36:48:53, M Dalloway, 37:02:58, A Bristow, 37:07. Teams: 1, Kenya, 23; 2, Ethiopia, 103; 3, France, 134; 4, Britain, 228; 5, Italy, 272; 6, Spain, 277; 7, US, 285; 8, Australia, 292; 9, Portugal, 336; 10, Japan, 448.

JUNIOR MEN (8km): 1, W Kirochi (Ken), 23min 25sec; 2, C Ndeti (Ken), 23:31; 3, A Maindi (Ken), 23:33; 4, B Kibret (Eth), 23:41; 5, M Rono (Ken), 23:51; 6, T Mekki (Ken), 23:54. Teams: 1, Kenya, 11; 2, Ethiopia, 37; 3, Spain, 65; 11, Britain, 189.

WOMEN: 1, I Kristiansen (Nor), 19min 4sec; 2, A Tooby (GB), 19:23; 3, A Sergent (Fr), 19:28; 4, L Jennings (US), 19:38; 5, A Machado (Port), 19:38; 6, E Romanova (USSR), 19:41; 7, R Chistiakova (USSR), 19:41; 8, L Stokes (Bel), 19:44; 9, J Hunter (GB), 19:46; 10, M Curatolo (It), 19:48. Other British placings: 16, S Tooby, 19:59; 34, F Truman, 20:10:48, S Vinall, 20:25. Teams: 1, USSR, 51; 2, Britain, 61; 3, France, 72; 4, US, 88; 5, Canada, 91; 6, Kenya, 122; 7, Portugal, 126; 8, China, 152; 9, New Zealand, 181; 10, Japan, 188.

Mills retires

Roger Mills, the Ilford AC race walker who won a European bronze medal in 1974, has retired after more than 20 years to concentrate on triathlons.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Yesterday

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Barclays League First division

Charlton	0	Oxford Utd	0
Chelsea	0	Southampton	1
Derby	0	Arsenal	0
Liverpool	2	Wimbledon	1
Manchester Utd	3	West Ham	1
Newcastle	2	Coventry	2
Norwich	0	Sheffield Wed	3
Portsmouth	0	QPR	1
Tottenham	1	Nottm For	1
Watford	1	Everton	2

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Liverpool	31	23	7	1	69	15	76
Man Utd	33	17	11	5	51	31	62
Everton	32	17	8	7	44	19	59
QPR	32	16	7	9	39	32	55
Nottm For	30	15	9	6	53	27	54
Arsenal	31	15	8	8	46	28	53
Wimbledon	31	13	9	9	46	34	48
Tottenham	35	11	10	14	35	42	43
Sheff Wed	33	13	4	16	39	53	43
Southmptn	33	10	10	13	39	44	40
Coventry	32	10	10	12	39	48	40
Newcastle	31	9	12	10	38	44	39
Norwich	33	11	6	16	34	43	39
Luton	28	11	5	12	40	36	38
West Ham	32	8	12	12	32	43	36
Derby Co	32	8	11	13	26	34	35
Chelsea	33	8	10	15	42	58	34
Charlton	33	7	11	15	32	47	32
Portsmouth	31	6	12	13	27	48	30
Oxford	31	6	10	15	39	62	28
Watford	31	5	8	18	19	41	23

Second division

Aston Villa	0	Stoke	1
Barnsley	3	Manchester City	1
Bournemouth	0	Leeds	0
Huddersfield	1	West Brom	3
Leicester	2	Hull	1
Middlesbrough	1	Birminghsm	1
Oldham	2	Shrewsbury	2
Plymouth	3	Blackburn	0
Sheffield Utd	4	Ipswich	1

Yesterday

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Villa	38	20	10	8	63	36	70
Blackburn	37	19	11	7	57	41	68
Middlesbro	37	18	11	8	48	28	65
Millwall	37	19	7	11	59	43	64
Bradford	35	16	8	9	56	43	62
C Palace	37	18	7	12	74	55	61
Leeds Utd	38	17	10	11	56	46	61
Stoke	38	16	9	13	46	46	57
Man City	37	16	7	14	58	51	55
Ipswich	37	15	7	15	48	44	52
Swindon	34	14	8	12	62	47	50
Hull	36	13	11	12	47	51	50
Plymouth	35	14	7	14	57	53	49
Barnsley	35	14	7	15	53	51	49
Oldham	36	13	9	14	53	55	48
Leicester	37	12	10	15	50	52	46
Birminghm	37	10	12	15	37	57	42
Bournemth	36	10	9	17	48	57	39
West Brom	37	11	6	20	41	60	39
Sheff Utd	37	11	6	20	40	63	39
Shrewsbury	37	8	13	16	33	47	37
Reading	35	8	8	19	38	60	32
Huddersfield	36	5	9	22	36	84	24

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 0, Barking 0; Carshalton 0, Farnborough 0; Croydon 0, Bromley 1; Dulwich 1, Windsor and Eton 1; Harrow 1, Leytonstone-Ilford 2; Hitchin 1, Bognor 0; Kingstonian 1, Hendon 1; Leyton-Wingate 0, Hayes 0; Slough 3, St Albans 0; Tooting and Mitcham 0, Wokingham 1; Yeovil 1, Bishop's Stortford 1. First division: Boreham Wood 2, Wolverton 0; Bracknell 1, Walton and Hersham 2; Grays 1, Leatherhead 0; Kingsbury 1, Basildon 2; Southwick 4, Wembley 0; Stevenage 2, Chesham 1; Uxbridge 1, Billericay 0; Walthamstow Avenue 2, Oxford City 1; Woking 2, Hampton 3; Worthing 0, Marlow 1.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Brighton 1, Arsenal 1; Ipswich 2, Tottenham 0; Reading 0, Oxford United 1; Southampton 3, Charlton 1.

Third division

Aldershot	0	Fulham	3
Brentford	1	Brighton	1
Bristol C	2	Rotherham	0
Grimsby	2	Northampton	2
Mansfield	1	Chester	2
Notts Co	0	Gillingham	1
Port Vale	2	Walsall	1
Preston	1	Bury	0
York	2	Sunderland	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts Co	39	20	12	7	72	41	72
Sunderland	38	20	12	6	72	42	72
Walsall	40	19	12	9	60	44	69
Wigan	37	18	11	8	60	46	65
Northmptn	39	15	17	7	57	37	62
Brighton	38	16	14	8	52	42	62
Bristol City	37	15	11	11	65	57	56
Brentford	38	15	10	13	44	48	55
Gillingham	39	13	15	11	69	51	54
Fulham	38	15	9	14	57	51	54
Blackpool	36	13	12	11	57	47	51
Bury	39	13	12	14	55	53	51
Port Vale	35	14	8	13	44	43	50
Mansfield	36	13	10	13	42	39	49
Preston	39	12	12	15	39	48	48
Chester	38	12	12	14	45	56	48
Bristol R	36	12	10	14	54	51	46
Rotherham	39	10	16	13	45	53	46
Aldershot	37	13	5	19	57	68	44
Grimsby	38	10	12	17	44	51	42
Chesterfld	38	11	9	18	33	63	42
Southend	39	9	13	17	51	73	40
Doncaster	38	7	8	23	33	66	29
York	38	5	8	25	41	78	23

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 3, Clandown 0; Bideford 3, Swanage and Herston 1; Bristol Manor Farm 1, Taunton 1; Clevedon 2, Paulton 0; Frome 1, Plymouth Argyle 1; Mangotsfield 0, Liskeard 0; Melksham 2, Dawlish 4; Saltash 4, Chippenham 1; Torrington 0, Weston-super-Mare 1.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bishop Auckland 2, North Shields 3; Crook 1, Ryhope CA 1; Ferryhill 1, Easington 1; Guisborough 1, Whitley Bay 0; Newcastle Blue Star 6, Consett 1; Tow Law 1, Billingham Synthonia 3; South Bank 1, Blyth 2; Spennymoor 1, Brandon 3; Whitby 2, Shildon 2.

FAI CUP: Fifth round replay: Newcastlewest 1, Cobh Ramblers 0. Quarter-finals: Dundalk 0, Cork City 0; Home Farm 0, Derry City 3; St Patrick's Athletic 2, Limerick City 2.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bray Wanderers 1, Galway United 2.

Fourth division

Bolton	0	Rochdale	0
Cardiff	0	Scunthorpe	1
Crewe	0	Exeter City	0
Hartlpool	1	Scarborough	0
Hereford	0	Stockport	1
Leyton O	3	Swansea	0
Peterborough	1	Halifax	0
Wolverhampton	5	Darlington	3
Wrexham	4	Newport	1

Postponed: Burnley v Torquay

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	38	21	8	9	65	37	71
Scunthorpe	37	17	12	8	67	44	63
Cardiff	37	17	12	8	50	36	63
Bolton	37	17	9	11	48	36	60
Burnley	38	18	6	14	48	49	60
Leyton O	38	16	11	11	70	52	59
Darlington	37	17	8	12	64	52	59
Torquay	34	16	10	8	49	33	58
Hartlepool	36	15	13	10	45	41	58
Swansea	38	16	9	13	54	48	57
Peterboro	39	15	9	15	42	50	54
Colchester	37	15	8	14	41	40	53
Scarboro	38	14	10	14	45	41	52
Wrexham	39	15	6	18	53	51	51
Cambridge	37	14	9	14	41	43	51
Crewe	37	12	14	11	50	44	50
Tranmere	38	15	6	17	48	44	49
Hereford	38	11	10	17	35	50	43
Halifax	35	11	10	15	40	45	42
Stockport	38	10	12	16	35	48	42
Exeter	39	10	11	18	44	57	41
Rochdale	38	8	14	16	36	65	38
Carlisle	36	9	6	21	46	71	33
Newport	36	5	7	24	30	72	22

● Tranmere deducted two points and Halifax one point by League.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 6, Fareham 0; Bromsgrove 2, Chelmsford 1; Crawley 6, Burton 2; Dartford 4, Willenhall 1; Gosport 2, Corby 2; Leicester United 2, Dorchester 2; Nuneaton 1, VS Rugby 1; Shepshed 0, Alvechurch 2; Witney 1, Cambridge City 2; Worcester 0, Ashford 0. Postponed: Redditch v Bedworth. Midland division: Atherstone 1, King's Lynn 0; Banbury 1, Gloucester 1; Bilston 2, Hednesford 2; Bridgnorth 2, Sutton Coldfield 0; Forest Green 3, Wellingborough 0; Grantham 3, Merthyr Tydfil 1; Halesowen 0, Dudley 2; Mile Oak 2, Buckingham 1; Paget Rangers 2, Moor Green 4; Rushden 1, Coventry Sporting 3; Stourbridge 2, Trowbridge 0.

WEST RIDING SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Farsley 3, Guiseley 0.

AFRICA NATIONS CUP: Third place playoff: Algeria 4, Morocco 3 (at Casablanca).

Fine Fare Scottish League Premier division

Aberdeen	2	Falkirk	0
Celtic	0	Dundee Utd	0
Dundee	2	Rangers	3
Hearts	2	Morton	0
Motherwell	3	Dunfermline	2
St Mirren	1	Hibernian	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	37	25	10	2	66	21	60
Rangers	38	24	7	7	73	27	55
Hearts	37	19	14	4	66	28	52
Aberdeen	37	19	14	4	52	21	52
Dundee	37	16	6	15	65	53	38
Dundee Utd	37	12	13	12	38	39	37
Hibernian	38	10	16	12	34	37	36
St Mirren	37	8	14	15	37	52	30
Motherwell	38	10	8	20	29	51	28
Falkirk	38	8	10	20	33	63	26
Dunfermline	38	7	8	23	35	76	22
Morton	38	2	10	26	22	84	14

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridlington Trinity 0, Belper 0; Denaby 2, Bridlington Town 3; Grimethorpe MW 1, Brigg 1; Long Eaton 1, Thackley 1; North Ferriby 1, Armthorpe Welfare 0.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Etonians 0, Old Malvernians 3; Old Reptonians 0, Old Carthusians 0. First division: Old Wellingburians 1, Old Wykehamists 0.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge 1, Arsenal 3; Chelsea 2, Fulham 0; Watford 0, Tottenham 0; West Ham 4, Norwich 2. Second division: Bristol Rovers 4, Bristol City 1; Colchester 5, Brighton 0; Reading 0, Crystal Palace 2; Southampton 2, Northampton 1.

Second division north: Barton 0, Berkhamsted 1; Clapton 1, Rainham 0; Collier Row 3, Letchworth GC 0; Finchley 0, Royston 1; Haringey Borough 0, Wivenhoe 3; Heybridge 2, Hemel Hempstead 0; Hornchurch 3, Hertford 2; Saffron Walden 2, Tring 1; Tilbury 1, Harlow 0; Ware 1, Vauxhall Motors 3

BOXING: IRISHMAN FACES RETIREMENT AFTER HALF-BAKED CHALLENGE FOR FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

Bassa puts McAuley on chopping-block

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

"It's back to the drawing board," Dave McAuley, the Irish flyweight, said tentatively after being comprehensively outpointed by Fidel Bassa, of Colombia, the World Boxing Association champion, at the King's Hall, Belfast, on Saturday.

His lack of conviction was understandable because back home there will be some slight disagreement about whether or not he should carry on boxing. If his wife, Wendy, has her way it will be back to the chopping-board more likely for the little chef from Larne.

Mrs McAuley, who could not look up throughout the bout to see the champion slowly but surely breaking her husband's nose, said: "So far as I am concerned, Dave will never go into the boxing ring again." No doubt the argument will be put to him that he would be better employed serving up gourmet meals in his in-laws' restaurant than getting his face battered in the ring.

B. J. Eastwood, McAuley's manager, said: "I don't mind what he does. He can retire or fight on." He then added that if McAuley retired he would help him achieve his ultimate ambition of owning a hotel.

"When Dave started fighting he did not have the money to raise a £50 loan, now he has enough to raise £100,000 or £200,000," Eastwood said. McAuley, who has had 16 bouts, is believed to have made £30,000 from his two world title challenges inside 12 months. Retirement is very much on the cards.

If next week, between the cold consommé and the baked Alaska, he decided to give it another go, Pat Clinton's British title or Duke McKenzie's European belt beckons. But after two hard bouts with Bassa it is unlikely that McAuley will have enough left in him to wrest the title from either the Scot or the Englishman. McAuley seems to have trouble with boxers who can stick and move and both Clinton and McKenzie are good at that.

Even though the judges gave him five and four rounds, McAuley's inability to do much more than almost snatch the title against run of play with one big right in the eleventh, leaves little room for optimism about his future. On my card he won only that round, and drew three others.

McAuley never quite seemed to get into the contest or have an answer for the Colombian, who never strayed from his fight plan of boxing for two minutes and holding for the remainder of every round. The champion kept on working behind a crisp jab and bringing down a chopping right throughout and it was not surprising that in the ninth two rights put McAuley on the floor.

It was only when Bassa started coming in close for the knockout that McAuley caught the Colombian with a heavy right hand. The cheers of 6,000 Irishman almost reached Barry McGuigan decibels. Bassa did not know whether he was in Belfast or Barranquilla and leaned on the Irishman. McAuley just could not see that he was only a step away from the title — a step backwards and the champion would have fallen on his face.

Slipping to defeat: McAuley tumbles to the canvas against Bassa

SKIING

Zurbriggen holds on as Tomba falls at last hurdle

From Iain MacLeod, Saalbach, Austria

After four months of direct confrontation, quiet Swiss determination ended in triumph for Pirmin Zurbriggen over the flamboyant Alberto Tomba, of Italy, as the World Cup season closed here over the weekend.

Separated only by 17 points after 18 races in direct confrontation, the defending overall champion made his additional 10 downhill races count to force the brash, younger man into submission, courtesy of two falls.

Zurbriggen stretched his advantage by finishing fourth in the final slalom to leave the Italian double Olympic and World Cup slalom and giant slalom champion with the knowledge that even a consolidation of his lead from the first run would not be enough to snatch the title. The young Italian then lost heart for the fight and fell for the second day.

Tomba blew his chance when he missed a gate in Friday's giant slalom, although his non-participation in the downhill also took its toll as did poor performances in the giant slaloms at Kranjska Gora and Schladming.

Zurbriggen, who almost came to grief twice on the second run, acknowledged that he had had problems. "I needed a lot of luck," he said. "Before the last two races the chances were better for Alberto than for me. But I thought to myself 'Hang on in there; keep on fighting'. Tomba is a great skier and I feel sorry for him."

Paul Frommelt, of Liechtenstein, won the slalom, Armin Bittner, of West Germany, finished second, and Hubert Strolz, of Austria, was third, although their triumphs were overshadowed by the eclipse of Tomba by Zurbriggen.

RESULTS: Slalom: 1, P Frommelt (Liech), 1min 39.65sec; 2, A Bittner (WG), 1:40.24; 3, H Strolz (Austria), 1:40.48; 4, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 1:40.73; 5, F McGrath (US), 1:41.13; 6, C Gerosa (It), 1:41.19; 7, B Gstrein (Austria), 1:41.22; 8, T Okabe (Japan), 1:41.38; 9, J Nilsson (Swe), 1:41.39; 10, G Mader (Austria), 1:41.55; 11, O Tötsch (It), 1:41.77; 12, T Stangassinger (Austria), 1:42.28; 13, M Trnscherl (Austria), 1:42.54; 14, R Grigis (It), 1:43.13; 15, S Pistor (WG), 1:43.20. Final standings: 1, Tomba, 170pts; 2, Mader, 69; 3, McGrath, 53; equal 4, Frommelt and Bittner, 52; 6, Strolz, 50; equal 7, Nilsson and Gstrein, 48; 9, Zurbriggen, 45; 10, G Benedik (Yug), 44. Final overall standings: 1, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 310pts; 2, A Tomba (It), 281; 3, H Strolz (Austria), 190; 4, G Mader (Austria), 189; 5, M Girardelli (Lux), 142; 6, M Wasmeier (WG), 138; Piccard (Fr), 123; 8, F Heinzer (Switz), 112; 9, P Mueller (Switz), 109; 10, M Mair (It), 108. British: 69, M Bell 12; 93, G Bell, 6.

● ASPEN: Aspen lost $350,000 (about £190,000) on the World Cup races this month and may scrap them within a month, executives said (AP reports).

RUGBY UNION

Campese and Jou bring All Blacks down a peg

From Simon Barnes, Hong Kong

It is impossible for anyone to go to a sporting event these days without thinking about Eddie Edwards. So here I am, at the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Bank invitation sevens with half the crowd singing *Waltzing Matilda*, and I am thinking about Britain's ski jumper.

Which team is the rugby equivalent of Edwards? It must be hard to think of a better choice than Taiwan, who sent Kwang Hua Taipei out here, and they actually won. No, not the Cup, they aren't quite in the same class as the Australians who beat New Zealand 13-12 in the final of the main competition.

But the Taipei boys won the Bowl, and were not disposed to minimize their triumph. The Hong Kong sevens breaks into three competitions on the second day: the Cup, for the big boys, the Plate for the middle-rankers and the Bowl for the minnows.

All that nonsense about Eddie-ought-not-to-be-allowed-at-the-Olympics was irritating. But the Hong Kong sevens have never made the mistake of banning the Edwardses of rugby. In the early days of the event — it started in 1976 — the minnows outnumbered the rest. The event has grown and become more prestigious every year.

But it has not become a snob in the process. The event has kept a certain zing by refusing to throw out any of the little guys. And so the line-up for the Bowl competition made great reading, at least for Edwards fans, and all those who truly like sport: Thailand, Taiwan, Netherlands, Papua New Guinea, Brunei, Singapore, Dubai and Sri Lanka. The stars of the competition were names not, I feel, destined to go into the rugby pantheon: Guo Jia-Ling and Jou Tian-Sing.

Both play for Kwang Hua Taipei: both are swift and elusive runners, and of the two it is Jou that had the greater glory from the competition: he scored the try against the All Blacks.

The first day of the Hong Kong sevens is always a ritual series of mismatches seasoned by the occasional surprise: and Jou provided that. "I suppose I'll be quite famous when I get home," he said.

The All Blacks won the match 28-6 but provoked thoughts that this New Zealand side was not quite up to winning the competition for the third time in a row. Conceding a try against Taipei does not inspire confidence.

New Zealand employed their usual appalling, but effective, sevens, and they cruised through to the final without looking threatened: but the faster nattier Australians found them out: traditional sevens, ball handling and inspiration carried the day.

David Campese was the man who made the decisive strike, a sudden moment of magic when he switched on the afterburners and surged through the New Zealand cover. The match finished 13-12, and it was a cracker.

But all in all this was an event that lacked the fire and drama of some years, for all that it was a fine two days of sport. The weather, typical Hong Kong spring, cool and with the cloud ceiling at about 10 feet, seemed to affect the atmosphere — certainly the over-the-top crowd atmosphere — that prevailed last year, was missing, and that was a bonus.

But any event that can see a Taiwanese student scoring a try against the All Blacks has an ingredient for success. It is terrific to have the little guys at this tournament: sport is all about the pursuit of excellence, but the fact that some have further to go towards achieving excellence is no reason to exclude them. International sport should never be exclusive

And Hong Kong is nothing if not international. But there were moments when I wondered just what was going on here: in the ever-looming shadow of 1997 and mainland China, a group of nationalist Chinese were playing rugby for an audience of Europeans. Hong Kong is full of paradoxes. It is only fair for its sporting events to reflect them.

RESULTS: Sevens championship: Quarter-finals: New Zealand 34, Irish Wolfhounds 0; French Barbarians 6, Penguins 22; Australia 36, Italy 0; Argentina 0, Fiji 20. Semi-finals: New Zealand 19, Penguins 0; Australia 18, Fiji 6. Final: Australia 13, New Zealand 12. Plate final: American Eagles 20, Canada 12. Bowl final: Kwang Hua Taipei 26, Dubai Exiles 12.

Welsh flair irresistible

Wales recovered from a first-minute Scotland score to win the world schools sevens championship final by 36 points to six at Rosslyn Park yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). Their backs combined very safe handling in a blustery wind with dazzling speed.

From 6-6 at half-time, Aitchison's try being cancelled out by Stephens, the second period became one-way traffic with Mynott (2), Stephens (2) and Lamerton scoring tries, all converted by Cormack.

RESULTS: Round I: Denmark 0, Scotland 24; France 21, Sri Lanka 6; Republic of Ireland 16, Roebucks 4; Netherlands 0, England 22; Japan 6, President's VII 24; Wales 40, Kenya 0; Round II: Denmark 3, France 24; Republic of Ireland 26, Sri Lanka 0; Scotland 26, Roebucks 0; Netherlands 0, Japan 26; Wales 24, President's VII 6; England 38, Kenya 0. Round III: Denmark 19 Sri Lanka 0; France 32, Roebucks 0; Scotland 16, Republic of Ireland 6; Netherlands 4, President's VII 14; Japan 24, Kenya 12; England 14, Wales 22.
Round IV: Denmark 0, Roebucks 20; Scotland 38, Sri Lanka 0; France 18, Republic of Ireland 0; Netherlands 10, Kenya 4; England 4, President's VII 28; Japan 6, Wales 24. Round V: Denmark 4, Republic of Ireland 12; France 18, Scotland 18; Sri Lanka 0, Roebucks 34; Netherlands 4, Wales 26; Japan 0, England 18; President's VII 30, Kenya 6. Semi-finals: Scotland 18, President's VII 4; Wales 16, France 0. Third place play-off: President's VII 22, France 10. Final: Wales 36, Scotland 6.

YACHTING

Vessel gets support of a nation

From Barry Pickthall
Auckland

Seventy five thousand cheering New Zealanders packed the dockside and 10,000 more rode almost anything that floated here yesterday to witness the naming of New Zealand's America's Cup challenger.

Measuring 123ft overall, the hi-tech composite structured monohull, dubbed Kiwi Mischief, is the largest racing yacht to be launched for 50 years and represents a £4.4 million gamble on the part of New Zealand banker, Michael Fay, to lift the Cup from Dennis Conner and his fellow members of the San Diego Yacht Club.

Viewed by some as a breakthrough development and other as a white elephant, the boat, and the event, served notice on the Californian Cup holders that they face a nation, not just a crew, in the next America's Cup.

Sailing for the first time last Thursday, she sliced through the water at more than twice the speed of the wind under mainsail and genoa, touching an effortless 14 knots at times, leaving Peter Blake's newly built 60ft trimaran, Steinlarger, I well in her wake.

The winds remained in single figures for yesterday's flag-waving sail, but cutting a course through the confused wake of a 1,000 or more accident-prone spectator boats proved a more hazardous and less conclusive test.

HOCKEY

Britain struggle to save reputation

From Sydney Friskin, Lahore

Two matches down and three to go is Great Britain's position in the Champions Trophy tournament as they prepare to play the Soviet Union today in the six-nation round-robin series here. Saturday's 2-0 defeat by Australia followed the setback on Friday against Spain, who won 2-1. Duthie, who was shaping well on Britain's left wing on Saturday, was taken ill and replaced by Mayer early in the second half.

Against Australia, Britain made only eight valid goal attempts against 14 by the opposition. They forced two short corners in reply to the three earned by the Australians but the score was even in green warning cards, each side having received two. Richard Aggiss, the Australian coach, praised the work of McConnell and he was also struck by the inventive nature of Mayer's forward play.

After a blank first half in which Australia missed two chances in the last seven minutes, Britain landed the ball in the Australian goal but the shot by Dodds was disallowed as it rose above the 18-inch level of the back board.

Australia took the lead from their second short corner which was converted by Bestall in the fifteenth minute of the second half and Deane added the second goal 10 minutes before the end from a reverse pass by Reid.

GREAT BRITAIN: I Taylor; S Martin, D Faulkner, J Potter, R Dodds, W McConnell, S Batchelor, I Leman (sub: R Hill), M Grimley, C Clift, J Duthie (sub: C Mayer).

AUSTRALIA: N Snowden; J Bestall, C Davies, D Wansbrough, W Birmingham, D Evans, A Dean, G Reid, C Batch, R Charlesworth, M Hager (sub: R Smith).
Umpires: S Deo (Spain) and R Lathouwers (Netherlands).

No bronze for Britain

Great Britain's hopes of finishing in the bronze medal position in the Esanda six nations' women's tournament in Perth were destroyed yesterday by South Korea, who outclassed them to win 4-0 (Cathy Harris writes).

Korea took advantage of a thoroughly inept display by Britain to score three goals in the first half, including two from their striker, Eun Jung Jang, aged 17. They exposed serious inadequacies in Britain's defence.

Australia took the title by beating Netherlands 2-1 in an exciting match. Tracey Belbin put the home side ahead and Elspeth Clement increased the lead in the second half before Lisanne Lejeune replied

RESULTS: Netherlands 5, New Zealand 1; Australia 5, Canada 2; South Korea 4, Great Britain 0; Canada 1, New Zealand 0; Australia 2, Netherlands 1. Final positions: 1, Australia, 10 pts; 2, Netherlands, 8; 3, South Korea, 5; 4, Britain, 4; 5, Canada, 3; 6, New Zealand, 0.

RUGBY UNION

Kirkham's challenge seen off

By Michael Stevenson

From the first scrum on Friday, it had seemed probable that Bradford Grammar School's power, class and discipline would prove irresistible in the international 15-a-side schools festival at Preston Grasshoppers — and so it proved.

All credit to Kirkham GS, whom Bradford beat 10-3 in the final yesterday. Their courage and dedication would be hard to better as they lost to a side that scored 17 tries in three days without conceding one.

Bradford's stand-off half, Ravenscroft, continued his golden form making the first try for Stott and scoring the second, converted by Mitchell. In between Hutchings kicked a 50-yard penalty, the first points Bradford had conceded.

Mitchell and Webster, the No. 8 and scrum half, helped to fashion Bradford's second try.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Kirkham GS 3, Regent's House 0; Bradford GS 11, Stockport GS 0. Final: Bradford 10, Kirkham 3.

Finishing touch by Brown

By George Ace

Ian Brown has kicked many valuable points for province and club but it is doubtful if he has kicked a more welcome three points than those secured by a dropped goal in extra time in the AIB Ulster Senior Cup quarter-final match against Dungannon at Gibson Park on Saturday.

They were the only points kicked against a strong wind in the 29 scored and they eased Malone ahead for the first time in a match they rarely looked like winning in normal time. Behind 10 points at the interval to a Dungannon side that played with verve, Malone took the game into extra time with a penalty, converted by Wilkinson.

SCORERS: Malone: Try: Wilkinson. Penalty: Wilkinson (2), Brown. Dropped goal: Brown (2). Dungannon: Try: Milligan. Penalty: Blair (2).

● The draw for the semi-finals, to be played at Ravenhill on successive Saturdays on April 9 and 16, will be made tomorrow with Malone being joined by Ballymena, Bangor and NIFC.

WATER POLO

A centenary success

By a Special Correspondent

In this, the centenary year of the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association, it was fitting that Scotland should not only host, but also win the home countries championships, staged at Wishaw, near Glasgow, over the weekend.

Having opened their account with a 12-6 win over Wales, Scotland then took on the defending champions, England, and with 16 seconds left led 9-8. Then, attempting another shot on the England goal, the Scots lost possession and with the ball swept to the other end of the pool were forced to concede a penalty, which Stuart Pearson converted, less than two seconds from the final whistle.

At the time the draw looked to have spelt the end of Scotland's championship dreams. However, Wales produced the surprise result of the tournament when they earned a 10-10 draw against England.

Only Ireland then stood between the Scots and the title, and the home side turned in a controlled performance to win the game 18-6 and with it the championship crown for only the second time.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Coaching change gives Hull heart

The Hull revival under the caretaker coaches, Tony Dean and Keith Hepworth, continued at Headingley in a fiercely fought 0-0 draw in the semi-final of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Keith Macklin writes). Hull were only a wind-blown penalty and a wasted dropped goal position away from reaching Wembley and in a match dominated by merciless tackling.

There is no resemblance between the Hull team that crumbled into relegation trouble before Len Casey's resignation

SILK CUT CUP: Semi-final: Halifax 0, Hull 0 (at Headingley).

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Castleford 26, Hunslet 14; Leeds 32, Swinton 6; Leigh 5, Bradford 20; Salford 14, Warrington 34; Wigan 28, Widnes 2. Second division: Bramley 12, Wakefield 10; Carlisle 23, Featherstone 18; Dewsbury 20, Springfield 11; Doncaster 21, Rochdale 16; Fulham 6, Mansfield 32; Huddersfield 10, Barrow 22; Runcorn 24, Whitehaven 18; Sheffield 15, Oldham 28; Workington 17, Keighley 30; York 33, Batley 20.

ROWING

Olympics candidates home by a whisker

By Jim Railton

The rivalry was so intense between the two Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) top eights in Saturday's Head of the River race that, after 4¼ miles, there was barely half a second between them. The ARA second crew, which is the one being groomed for the Seoul Olympics regatta, had the edge over the head crew, which contained Great Britain's two top fours.

The tide did not reach its expected force so the ARA squad's 1987 record remained intact. Cambridge University also will be pleased with the result as, during the week, Saturday's winning crew could only take just over a length off them in a four-minute row.

London University, who have shown Oxford and Cambridge a clean pair of heels during Boat Race training, rowed brilliantly on Saturday to finish third and win the coveted Vernon trophy for the fastest Tideway club crew.

RESULTS: Head of the River results: 1, ARA II 18min 46.88; 2, ARA I 18:47.40; 3, London Univ 17:3.50 (Vernon trophy); 4, ARA IV 17:14.80; 5, Flat (It) 17:23.37; 6, Nottinghamshire County 17:23.61; 7, ARA III 17:24.49; 8, Leander 17:27.10 (Page trophy); 9, Leander II 17:31.80; 10, Hansa RG Hamburg 17:32.16; 11, ARA V 17:32.48; 12, Tideway Scullers 17:34.70; 13, Lea 17:35.20; 14, London Univ Tyrian 17:38.97; 15, Thames Tradesmen 17:40.45; 16, Moto Guzzi 17:41.96; 17, Tideway Scullers II 17:42.01 (Senior I); 18, London 17:43.18; 19, Imperial College 17:47.33 (IUAU) 17:47.33; 20, London Univ II 17:47.57. Other pennant winners: 22, Hampton School Snr III; 25, Rob Roy (Jackson trophy); 34, Emanuel School Snr II; 40, Imperial Coll II (fastest IUAU 2nd crew); 102, Royal Navy (fastest service crew); 197, Imperial Coll II (novice).

SQUASH RACKETS

England take command over Europe

England's domination of the ICI European team championships continued at Warmond, The Netherlands, on Saturday (Colin McQuillan writes). The English men defeated Sweden 5-0, while the women beat Ireland 2-1.

The pervasive influence of television scheduled the women's final for 9.30 a.m., which may have accounted for the unexpected defeat of Lisa Opie, the British champion and world No. 2, by Rebecca Best.

RESULTS: Finals: Men: England bt Sweden, 5-0. G Williams bt F Johnson, 9-0, 9-05, 9-0; B Beason bt A Waldstedt, 9-5, 9-7, 9-3; M Bodimeade bt J Gornerup, 9-7, 9-0, 9-9, 9-7; P Whitlock bt B Almstrom, 9-4, 1-9, 9-5, 9-2; J Nicole bt T Kjellor, 9-4, 9-7, 10-8. Final positions: 1, England; 2, Sweden; 3, Finland; 4, Wales; 5, Scotland; 6, Ireland. Women: England bt Ireland, 2-1. L Opie lost to R Best, 10-8, 9-1, 7-9, 7-9, 4-9; M Le Moignan bt M Burke, 9-1, 9-5, 9-0; A Cumings bt B Conway, 9-3, 9-7, 9-3. Final positions: 1, England; 2, Ireland; 3, Germany; 4, Wales; 5, Netherlands; 6, Scotland.

BOWLS

A fast rink is no problem for Ramsdale

David Ramsdale, of Darlington, and Gary Cox, of Cardiff, reached the final of the £3,550 United Kingdom under-25s invitation tournament at the Swansea Leisure Centre yesterday, demonstrating yet again how young players can stand up to the pressures of top competition as well as their seniors (David Rhys Jones writes).

Ramsdale looked the most polished of the competitors when he outplayed the Belfast student, Annesley Harrison, in their semi-final. Having lost the first four ends, Ramsdale dropped only one more shot as he mastered the testing, full-length jacks on the quick Swansea carpet.

RESULTS: Quarter-final: W Watson (Scot) bt P Roger (Eng), 7-4, 7-3; G Cox (Wales) bt S Hall (Ire), 3-7, 7-3, 7-2; A Harrison (Ire) bt S Thomson (Scot), 7-5, 7-4; D Ramsdale (Eng) bt S Evans (Wales), 2-7, 7-3, 7-1. Semi-finals: Cox bt Watson, 0-7, 7-2, 7-4; Ramsdale bt Harrison, 7-4, 7-1.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

ALDERSHOT: Pearl Assurance Fleet half marathon: 1, J Kiernan (Clonliffe), 64.37sec; 2, C Brown (Coventry), 64.38; 3, G Payne (Basildon), 64.46. Team: Aldershot, 432pts. Veteran: E Cunningham (Aldershot), 66.37. Women: A Ford (Houndslow), 72.16.
WIMBLEDON: Belgrave Southern Counties road relay (12 stages, 54 miles): Teams: 1, Aldershot Farnham and District, 4hr 7min 18sec; 2, Hinckley, 4:08.19; 3, Blackheath H, 4:09.40; 4, Shaftesbury Barnet, 4:12.42. Fastest laps: Short leg (3¼ miles): S Ovett (Phoenix), 15min 36sec; J Sherben (Shaftesbury Barnet), 15:17; S Coe (Haringey), 15:24. Long leg (5¼ miles): S Harris (Shaftesbury Barnet), 24:05; M Harris (Portsmouth), 24:13; P Kirmes (London Irish), 24:24.
LIVINGSTON: Scottish national six stage road relay championship: 1, Springburn Harriers, 2hr 17min 13sec; 2, Edinburgh AC 2:17.50; 3, Bannockburn Harriers 2:18.24.
BROUGHTON: British fell running championship: Chapelgill hill race: 1, C Donnelly (Eryri) 18min 55sec. Women: C Croft (Dark Peak) 22:47. Team: Keswick.
BALLYCLARE: Open 10 mile road race: 1, S Doherty (Annadale Strollers), 51min 48sec; 2, F Sharkey (Olympic) 51:48; 3, J Walsh (Annadale) 52:15; Team: 1, Annadale Strollers 21 points; 2, Albertville AC 81; 3, Waterfoot Harriers 85. Women: J Pedrin (unattached) 73:35.
SIDCUP: Kent AC Open 10 mile road race: 1, K Brackstone (Bristol) 51min 11sec; 2, D Fairbrass (Kent AC) 53:12; 3, A Camp (Dartford) 53:38. Team: Kent AC 17 pts. Women: C Findlay (Dartford) 68:34.
TEIGNBRIDGE: Open 10 mile road race: 1, C Cooke (Keynsham Clodders), 52:44; 2, D Kelly (Barrow), 52:51. 3, T Yeo (Loughborough), 53. Team: Exeter Harriers. Veteran: R Welch (Erme Valley) 57:14. Women: M Maxted (Exeter), 67:37.
BLACKHEATH: Invitation 9 kilometres road walk: 1, A James (Enfield), 42:29; 2, C Lawton (Belgrave), 42:40; 3, S Unley (Ilford), 44:20. Team: Brighton.
CRICKHOWELL: Welsh CCA v Welsh Schools (under-20): Girls (4 km): 1, C Haywood (WS), 16min 19sec; 2, H Padley (WCCA), 16.22; 3, P Bee (WCCA), 16.51. Teams: 1, Welsh Schools, 37pts; 2, Welsh CCA, 52. Boys (7 km): 1, G Owen (WS), 22.22; 2, C Cutler (WS), 22.42; 3, M Healey (WCCA), 22.56. Team: 1, Welsh Schools, 27; 2, Welsh CCA, 60.
SWANSEA: Welsh ninth stage road relay (245km): Teams: 1, Newport H, 1hr 56min 48sec; 2, Swansea H, 1:57.12; 3, Cardiff, 2:03.33. Veteran: A Roper (Swansea 13:35). Junior: A Jones (Newport H 13:41). (Long leg 5¾ miles) P Jenkins (Newport H) 23min 40sec. Veteran: D Evans (Cardiff), 27.21. Junior: M Kinnane (Swansea H), 27.02. Women: (4 x 2¾m): Team: 1, Cardiff 1hr 9min .01sec. Veteran: S Neal (Les Croupiers) 17.37.
IRVINE, Scotland: Home countries schools cross-country championships: (Winners): Boys: Under-15: 4,000m: R Fischer (Reigate), 13min 40sec. Team: England 29pts. Under-17: 6,000m: M Threadgill (Cleveland), 23.34. Team: England 31pts. Girls: Under-17: 3000m: S Willcombe (Kent), 15.27. Team: England 21pts.
PERTH: Australian track and field championships: Women's 5,000m walk: 1, K Saxby (Aus), 20min 45.32sec (wr).

BOWLS

COUNTY INDOOR MATCHES: Cambridgeshire 139, Suffolk 109; English Civil Service 103, Devon 133; Isle of Wight 73, Sussex 47.
McCARTHY AND STONE NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Semi-finals: Ely 75, Cyphers Beckenham 71; Hartlepool 84, Cotswold, Stroud 70.

FOOTBALL

WELLINGTON: Oceania group Olympic qualifying tournament: Australia 3 Taiwan 0. Israel 1 New Zealand 0. (Australia qualify for Olympic Games).

BADMINTON

TOULOUSE: French Open championships: Men's singles: Semi-finals: M Frost (Den) bt E Kurniawan (Indo), 9-15, 15-13, 15-6; I Sugiarto (Indo) bt Han-Kuk Sung (S Kor), 15-6, 15-10. Final: Sugiarto bt Frost, 15-10, 8-15, 15-2. Women's singles: Semi-finals: Hy-Young Hwang (S Kor) bt S Kitada (Japan), 13-11, 11-3; J Gu (China) bt Young-Suk Lee (S Kor), 11-4, 7-11, 11-2. Final: Hy-Young Hwang bt Gu, 12-10, 11-8. Mixed doubles: Quarter-finals: N Tier and J Munday (GB) bt M Bitten and D Piche (Can), 13-15, 18-16, 15-3. Semi-finals: Joo-Bong Park and So-Young Chung (S Kor) bt P Wang and F Schi (China), 15-7, 17-5; S Thongsari and P Sansaniyakulvilai (Thai), bt Tier and Munday, 15-11, 15-11. Final: Bong Park and Chung bt Thongsari and P Sansaniyakulvilai, 15-6, 15-6.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Semi-final play-off: Worthing 109 (Wagnorn 31, Hengricker 30), Plymouth 96 (Downey 39, Hewie 33).
UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Philadelphia 76ers 97, Boston Celtics 93; Chicago Bulls 111, Cleveland Cavaliers 110; Indiana Pacers 101, New Jersey Nets 100; Dallas Mavericks 106, Portland Trail Blazers 101; San Antonio Spurs 107, Detroit Pistons 108; Los Angeles Clippers 113, Golden State Warriors 98; Denver Nuggets 120, Los Angeles Lakers 118. (Saturday's games): Atlanta Hawks 109, Cleveland Cavaliers 102; Washington Bullets 99, New Jersey Nets 88; Chicago Bulls 108, Indiana Pacers 100; Dallas Mavericks 131, San Antonio Spurs 112; Houston Rockets 115, Portland Trail Blazers 109; Boston Celtics 118, New York Knicks 106; Detroit Pistons 108, Phoenix Suns 103; Milwaukee Bucks 107, Utah Jazz 105, Sacramento Kings 114, Los Angeles Lakers 92; Seattle Supersonics 131, Los Angeles Clippers 98, Denver Nuggets 131, Golden State Warriors 108.
UNITED STATES: National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA): Regional tournaments: Midwest: Saint Louis: Kansas 77, Vanderpilt 64; Kansas St 73, Purdue 70. West: Semi-finals: North Carolina 78, Michigan 69; Arizona 89, Iowa 79. East: Final: Duke 63, Temple 53; South-east: Final: Oklahoma 76, Villanova 59.

WATER POLO

WISHAW: Home countries international championships: Wales 14, Ireland 5; Scotland 9, England 9; England 10, Wales 10; Scotland 18, Ireland 6.

WIND SURFING

OMAEZAKI, Japan: World Cup Series: First race: (Winners): Mens: B Dunkerbeck (Sp). Women: N Le Lievre (Fr).

YACHTING

ANZIO, Italy: International regatta: Final day: (Winners). Flying Dutchman: Calon-Calon (It) 47th: Switzke-Schutz, (EG). Soling: Hasgele-Vanier-Borde (Fr). Star: Fravezzi-Dalvit (It). Finn: O Khoperskiy (USSR). Tornado: Faou-Duemec (Fr).
SOLENT: Warsash spring series: Kiffi: 1, Imperator (P) and N Wauman and P Kingi; 2, Impulse H (D Butbjeg); 3, Heart of Gold (J Parry). Sigma 33: 1, Circe (D Thomas); 2, Moonshine (J Kelly); 3, Blaze (W McNeil). J24: 1, Hedgehog (I MacDonald-Smith); 2, Luder (J Stewart); 3, Persnip (M Hall). Sonata: 1, Ar'maton (C Fleetwy); 2, The Man Machine (D Hartcharm); 3, Acrilan (J Dudley). Channel Handicap: First division: 1, Spirit of the North (D Walter); 2, Scorpio (G Belgrano); 3, Blue Saxon (U Blencke). Second division: 1, Spirit of Taranto (M Tattersall); 2, Fools Gold II (C Greene); 3, Jemima Puddleduck (C Drew). Third division: 1, Menace (T Rees and M Hermitage); 2, Tethys (G Fox); 3, La Nef II (J Hoe). Impale: 1, Heartbeat (P Ramsden); Storm 33: 1, Jade (J Horn).

GOLF

VALENCIA, Spain: Dunhill Cup European qualifying tournament: Semi-finals: Denmark bt Sweden, 3-0; France bt Netherlands, 2½-1½. Finals: France bt Denmark, 2-1. Third place play-off: Sweden bt Netherlands 3-0.

HOCKEY

LAHORE: CHAMPIONS TROPHY TOURNAMENT: Australia 2, Britain 0. West Germany 3, Soviet Union 1; Pakistan 4, Spain 0.
NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Norfolk Wanderers 0, Bury St Edmunds 0. First division playoff: Norwich Grasshoppers 3, Southend 1.
PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Mid-Surrey 2, Hampstead 6; St Albans 1, Purley 0; Southgate 4, Maidenhead 1; Spencer 1, Dulwich 2; Tulse Hill 2, Hounslow 0.
McEWANS LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: REGIONALS: Kent/Sussex: Herne Bay 1, Worthing 1; Hampshire/Surrey: Basingstoke 1, Guan 1.
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Midlands: Derbyshire 7, Shropshire 1; Northamptonshire 1, Staffordshire 3; Nottinghamshire 1, Leicestershire 1; Worcestershire 3, Warwickshire 0. Final: Worcestershire 2, Nottinghamshire 1. South: Hampshire 8, Berkshire 0.
CLUB MATCHES: Aldridge 2, Nuneaton 2; Barton 2, Leek 1; Beeston 3, Lincoln 1; Birmingham Municipal 0, Q Helesowians 3; Bourne 1, Loughborough 1; Finchfield 0, Redditch 2; GEC Coventry 1, Grantham 0; Hampton 0, Bloxsomfield 3; Michelin 2, West Bromwich 0; O Silhillians 0, Cannock 1; O Wulfrunians 1, Shrewsbury 0. Olton and West Warwickshire 3, Worcester 2; Players 0, West Bridgford 1; South Nottingham 0, Burton 6; Stafford 2, Arnington 0; Stourport 2, Wolverhampton 0; Tamworth 2, Leamington 1; Crostyx 1, Westcliff 0; Lloyds Bank 2, Nat West Bank 1; Barclays Bank 3, Midland Bank 2.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): New Jersey Devils 2, Buffalo Sabres 2; Pittsburgh Penguins 5, Montreal Canadiens 2; Washington Capitals 5, Philadelphia Flyers 3; Vancouver Canucks 3, Chicago Black Hawks 2; Detroit Red Wings 4, New York Rangers 4; Boston Bruins 5, Quebec Nordiques 2; New York Islanders 5, Edmonton Oilers 4; Hartford Whalers 8, Minnesota North Stars 1; Philadelphia Flyers 6, Winnipeg Jets 0; Calgary Flames 6, Vancouver Canucks 1; St Louis Blues 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; Los Angeles Kings 9, Chicago Black Hawks 5.

JUDO

BRADFORD: North of England championships: Women: Bantamweight (U48kg): A Mohamoodally (NHC) bt Erica Bowley (Midlands), ippon (throw). Feather (U52k): S Rendle (North East) bt J Johnson (South), ippon (throw). Light (U56k): A Hughes (North) bt A Richardson (North West), decision. Light middle (U61k): D Bell (North East) bt S Mills (NHC), ippon (hold). Middle (U66k): J Morris (South) bt R Swetsman (NHC), koka (throw). Light heavy (U72k): A Jones (Midlands) bt A Skilbeck (South); decision. Heavy (U72k): S Lee (Midlands) bt H Thackeray (Yorks and Humberside), ippon (hold).

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Mellor 23, Sheffield University 3. Junior Flags: Semi-final: Cheadle A 8, Timperley 10.

MOTOR SPORT

SILVERSTONE: Lucas British Formula Three championship: 1, J J Lehto, (Reynard 883), 33:25.25 (108.78mph); 2, E Irvine (Ralt RT32), 22:38.80; 3, M Donnelly, (Ralt RT32), 22:42.73.
GOTEMBA, Japan: Grand Champion Series: First race (2.77 miles, 45 laps): 1, G Lees (GB), March 88 Honda, 1hr 5min 35.204sec; 2, A Hasemi (Jap), Lola T88 Honda, 1:05:52.599; 3, T Wada (Jap), Lola 88S Honda, 1:05.53.538.

NETBALL

ANERLY: Evian inter-county tournament: Final positions: Senior: -1 East Sussex, Essex Metropolitan; 3, Birmingham; 4, Hertfordshire; 5, Bedfordshire; 6, Kent. Under-21: 1, Derbyshire; 2, Essex Metropolitan; 3, Birmingham; 4, East Essex; 5, Kent; 6, Surrey.

NORDIC SKIING

ROVANIEMI, Finland: World Cup combined competition: 1, K Sulzenbacher (Austria), 422.7pts; 2, J Ylipulli (Fin), 417.835; 3, A Dundukov (USSR), 412.770. Final World Cup positions: 1, Sulzenbacher, 160pts; 2, T Lokken (Nor), 116; 3, A Schaad (Switz), 80. Final World Cup team positions: 1, Norway, 398pts; 2, Austria, 314; 3, Switzerland, 303.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Coventry 52, Wolverhampton 38; Cradley Heath 42, Ipswich 48; Coventry 52, Wolverhampton 38.

SKI JUMPING

PLANICA, Yugoslavia: World Cup competition: 90m: 1, P Ulaga (Yug), 225.7pts (88, 93m); 2, P Ploc (Cz), 218.3 (91, 91); 3, E Vettori (Austria), 215.3 (89, 88); 4, M Nykaenen (Fin), 213.5 (90, 89). 120m: 1, Ulaga 218.8pts (117, 120m); 2, R Lotric (Yug), 216.3 (114, 119); 3, D Mollard (Fr), 213.0 (118, 119). World Cup final positions: 1, Nykaenen, 282pts; 2, P Ploc (Cz) 187; 3, Ulaga, 127.

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Embassy World Championship qualifying tournament: Second round: T Murphy (N Ire) bt C Roscoe (Wales), 10-9; P Gosson (Eng) bt M Gauvreau (Can), 10-8; S James (Eng) bt J O'Boye (Rep of Ire), 10-5; W King (Aus) bt P Watchorn (Rep of Ire), 10-4; M Clark (Eng)

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Campaign starts to halt the tour

From David Miller
Casablanca

The Supreme Council for Sport in Africa will mount a global campaign to stop the proposed visit to South Africa this summer by the International Rugby Football Board's (IRFB) World XV.

Amadou Lamine Ba, secretary general of the Council, who is here attending the African football championship, stated yesterday that a boycott by as many as 50 nations of the Olympic Games in September would be the ultimate and inevitable outcome if attempts to halt the tour should fail.

"The cause is just, and the politicisation of sport is unavoidable," Lamine Ba stated. He had already made clear last week that the Supreme Council's attitude would be the same regarding the selection of Zola Budd by Britain for the Games in Seoul.

At a Press conference here yesterday, following the IRFB's announcement in London of the tour – embracing players from Australia and New Zealand, the home countries and from Argentina – Lamine Ba issued a statement that was unequivocal in its intentions. Following the anti-apartheid conference in Harare last November initiated by the United Nations, he said, there was now a common strategy to oppose all involvement in international sport of the apartheid regime.

"We will first appeal to the member countries of the IRFB to withdraw," Lamine Ba said. "A boycott of the Olympics is the last card, and we will not play it at the start. But if that in the end is the only option, we will play it. We will use everything at our disposal."

He estimates that a boycott could involve some 50 nations, including those outside Africa. The IOC has been hoping for a record attendance in Seoul. The boycott of the English speaking Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh involved 36 nations. "Africa is not isolated on this issue now," Lamine Ba added.

The same tactics would be used as in the Zola Budd issue over the world cross country championships just ended. Letters were sent by the Supreme Council to the British Prime Minister, by the Association of National Olympic Committees in Africa to the British Olympic Association and to the IOC, and by the Association of Africa Sports to the IAAF. The strategy, Lamine Ba said, had succeeded and thereby avoided a boycott.

He did not agree that, because rugby was a non-Olympic sport, national Olympic committees of rugby-playing countries had no jurisdiction over involvement in the tour. "There is a difference between law and morality," he said. "If a government decides it cannot admit a South African team to its country because of political troubles and disturbance, it can also decide not to allow the sport's representatives to visit South Africa."

This view is, of course, clearly at odds with democratic and legal principles in some countries.

Lamine Ba said the Supreme Council was not surprised by the IRFB's decision, because for many years it had co-operated closely with South Africa. He said that the regulations of the Olympic Charter and the Commonwealth Games as well as the principles of the United Nations supported the Supreme Council's stance.

"We consider this decision provocative, and we will mobilise all anti-apartheid movements around the world in concerted action," he said.

Millar is offered chance to lead South African tour

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Syd Millar, the former Irish prop forward and manager of the British Lions in South Africa in 1980, will decide tomorrow whether to accept an offer to manage the World XV touring party to South Africa this summer.

The decision of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) last Friday to lift any restrictions on touring sides to the Republic has left South Africa free to bring in a composite side for seven matches, including two internationals, in August to celebrate the centenary of Eastern Province and the golden jubilee of Northern Transvaal.

However, I understand the tour is longer than at first envisaged and Millar, who is likely to agree to take the post when Fritz Eloff, South Africa's IRFB representative, contacts him tomorrow, must first discuss the position with his company. Millar toured South Africa with the Lions in 1968, he coached the unbeaten 1974 Lions there, managed the 1980 Lions and an overseas party in 1983.

South Africa will be permitted to approach a maximum of five players from other member countries of the board, through their respective national unions, and it emerged over the weekend that the Rugby Football Union – the only country to impose a ban on players or administrators going to South Africa – lifted that sanction earlier this month.

At the moment Winterbottom, the Headingley flanker, is the only leading player from England who has expressed a wish to spend the summer in South Africa and it remains to be seen whether he falls foul of the new directive which forbids players moving from one hemisphere to another to appear without a 12-week gap. There is a saving clause in the directive, however, which provides for "special circumstances approved by both unions".

Record is set straight by Graf

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Key Biscayne, Florida

Steffi Graf won more than £64,000 by beating Chris Evert 6-4, 6-4 in the women's singles final of the Lipton championships. That result gave statistical symmetry to a 12-match rivalry that began in this tournament three years ago. Evert won their first six matches in straight sets. Then Graf, too, won 12 consecutive sets.

Much of this strenuously close final was contested in dazzling 120 degree heat and after 11 games Graf dashed off court for a quick change of clothing. In such weather Key Biscayne is flattering for golfers – the ball takes off like a rocket – but not much fun for tennis players. Graf and Evert did remarkably well to produce a fine match that lasted an hour and 40 minutes.

There were rare, lively exchanges in the forecourt but the match was dominated by the pounding rhythm of long baseline running (the first game lasted eight minutes). These were attractive, though, because both players hit hard, boldly went for the lines, and smartly varied their tactics. They had to do a lot of running and bending and lunging.

Often the difference was a matter of an inch or two, with Graf's drives on target and Evert's just missing. Evert is a local heroine and at times the public was reluctant to believe the line calls that confirmed clear, if small, errors. Graf had supporters, too, and they embellished the sunny scene by holding up three large West German flags.

Predictably, Evert hammered away at Graf's backhand in an effort to stay out of trouble. It took the strain well. "I kept hitting to her backhand and she kept slicing it lower and lower," Evert said. "If anything, I thought her backhand was better than her forehand."

In the first set Graf had a break point for a 4-1 lead. She conceded only one point in her first three service games. Evert broke back to make it 4-4 but scored only four points in the next four games.

In the second set Graf had two break points for 4-1, but a disconcerting line decision played on her mind for a while. Evert had two break points for a 5-3 lead but, just in time, Graf regained peak form and finished the job.

"Steffi's stronger and faster than I am," Evert said. "And right now she's playing the pressure points a little better than I am. Before I could think about beating her I just wanted to stay with her – and today I did that."

RESULTS: Men's singles: Semi-finals: J Connors (US) bt M Mecir (Cz), 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3; M Wilander (Swe) bt Y Noah (Fr), 6-4, 6-4, 6-3. Women's singles: Final: S Graf (WG) bt C Evert (US), 6-4, 6-4. Men's doubles: Final: J Fitzgerald (Aus) and A Jarryd (Swe) bt K Flach and R Seguso (US), 7-6, 6-1, 7-5.

Giddy heights for Gilkes

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Reading 4
Luton Town 1

For Ruud Gullit, read Michael Gilkes. The Reading forward may not be blessed with the same talent as the Dutch European Footballer of the Year, nor is he of a similar stature to the dark giant. But now he can claim a close link with the most expensive player in the world.

If Gullit transformed the international between England and The Netherlands last Wednesday, then Gilkes made an equally brief and dramatic impact in the same Wembley arena four days later. On his own, he ripped the Simod Cup out of the complacement hands of Luton Town and placed it firmly in the care of Reading.

It took him only 25 minutes to complete an operation that was as astonishing as it was unexpected. The competition itself may be no more than a regrettable example of the financial greed of League clubs but at least he and his colleagues lifted the final far above the mundane.

Neither Gilkes, a black shadow in Luton's eyes, before the interval, nor Reading had a right to do so. Merely to appear in the sunlight of the national stadium for the first time in their 117-year history was regarded as a welcome relief from their depressingly gloomy existence in the second division.

They may yet be relegated in a couple of months but, on their way down, they will remember the day when they rose high above their usual form and above all expectations. Even though they had knocked out four first division opponents in previous rounds, nobody could realistically foresee them overcoming Luton.

Not after a quarter of an hour, anyway. By then Harford, with a familiar stooping header, had put the Littlewoods Cup finalists ahead and the afternoon seemed destined to be a convenient practice match before their appointment with Arsenal on the same turf next month. Gilkes changed all that.

Once he started using his startling speed to run down Reading's left flank, Luton's brittle resistance cracked. Damaged irreparably by half-time, they were reduced shortly after the hour to a side that had, inexcusably and embarrassingly, lost all belief.

Gilkes, either directly or indirectly, might have put Reading five up even before the change of ends. Tait side-footed his first cross against Sealey's knees and headed another thunderously against the bar. Gilkes himself opened the recovery after 20 minutes and was almost immediately tripped by Breacker inside the area.

Beavon converted the penalty and Reading went on to show that they were substantially more than a one-man band. Taylor, once of Watford, and Beavon took charge of midfield, Hicks and Curle controlled their defence. Smillie invited Tait to score a simple third in the 57th minute and then claimed the fourth for himself.

LUTON TOWN: L Sealey; T Breacker, A Grimes, D McDonough, S Foster, M Donaghy, D Wilson, B Stein (sub: R Johnson), M Harford, M Stein (sub: K Black), I Allinson.
READING: S Francis; C Bellis, S Richardson, S Beavon, M Hicks, K Curle, L Jones (sub: J Williams), L Taylor, M Tait (sub: G Peters), M Gilkes, N Smillie.
Referee: J Martin.

Wembley fortune: Reading's four goalscorers, Gilkes, Tait, Beavon and Smillie, celebrate (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Planning reunion

The Nottingham Forest manager, Brian Clough, is ready to pay £450,000 to re-sign Chris Fairclough, the England under-21 defender he lost to Tottenham less than a year ago (a Special Correspondent writes).

A tribunal fixed Fairclough's fee at just under £400,000 when he moved to White Hart Lane after his Forest contract expired last summer. Now Fairclough, who will be 24 next month, is thought to have regrets about leaving Forest and, like his colleague, Steve Hodge, would jump at the chance of a reunion with Clough.

Clough said last night: "I was sorry to see Chris leave in the first place. If there is a chance of agreeing a deal with Terry Venables I will have him back.

Clough has already sounded out Venables about Hodge but it seems they are far apart on their valuation of the England midfield player. Tottenham want to recoup the £625,000 they paid Aston Villa for him 15 months ago but Clough has stuck at £400,000.

Five birdies see Langer on his way

From Mitchell Platts, Ponte Vedra, Florida

The likelihood of Bernhard Langer having his game in good order for the US Masters increased as he completed a third round of 67 in the rain-delayed Players Championship on the Stadium Course here yesterday.

Langer had been compelled to return to the 15th green to resume the round, abandoned on Saturday because of thunderstorms, and he faced the daunting prospect of holing a putt of seven feet to salvage his par. "I practised it several times on the putting green after thinking about it all night," he said. "It was a good putt to make in the circumstances."

The West German went on to reach the long 16th with a driver and a three-wood for his fifth birdie in a flawless round. It gave him a 54-hole aggregate of 210, which is six under par, and he began the final round some two hours later with 11 players between him and the leader, Mark McCumber, who was on 204.

Langer, who between rounds attended an impromptu mass held in the natural amphitheatre of the first tee, has endured two disappointing tournaments since he rejoined the US Tour. He missed the halfway cut in the Honda Classic, where he had a round of 80, and he finished 43rd in the Bay Hill Classic last week.

"I've gone through worse spells but I did need a good score to recover my confidence," he said. Langer's most recent problems have stemmed from erratic driving, but he would appear to have cured that by standing square to the ball. What he would give anything for is an instant cure for his aching back.

"Because of muscle spasms I am tight most of the time," he explained. "I have a stress fracture of a vertebra and two bulging discs. It is so painful some days that I cannot bear to practise and, if it were to worsen, then I might be forced to return to West Germany for a long rest."

For the time being Langer, who has already played in eight tournaments this season, will rest this week at his home in Boca Raton, some 300 miles south of here, before travelling to Augusta next weekend to prepare for the US Masters. Thereafter he is scheduled to play at Hilton Head and New Orleans before making his first appearance of 1988 on the European tour, in the Epson Grand Prix at St Pierre, Chepstow, from May 5 to 8.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	388	4	10	395	4
2	511	5	11	529	5
3	162	3	12	336	4
4	360	4	13	172	3
5	454	4	14	438	4
6	361	4	15	426	4
7	439	4	16	497	5
8	215	3	17	132	3
9	582	5	18	440	4
Out	3,492	36	In	3,365	36
Total yardage: 6,857				Par: 72	

McCumber dropped not a shot in his 67 and he began the final round with a two- shot advantage over the South African, Davie Frost (68). Payne Stewart, the halfway leader, was one stroke further back and Greg Norman, Lanny Wadkins, Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite were among those snapping at the heels of the leader, along with Langer.

LEADING THIRD ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 204: M McCumber, 65, 72, 67. 206: D Frost (SA), 67, 71, 68. 207: P Stewart, 71, 65, 71. 208: J Sindelar, 69, 72, 67, G Norman (Aus), 68, 74, 68, C Byrum, 68, 73, 69, D Pohl, 69, 69, 70. 209: L Wadkins, 70, 72, 67, B Crenshaw, 68, 71, 69, T Kite, 67, 73, 69, C Beck, 73, 67, 69, M Hatalsky, 70, 68, 71. 210: F Allem (SA), 73, 72, 65, B Langer (WGer), 71, 72, 67, G Morgan, 69, 70, 71, M Reid, 68, 69, 73, C Peete, 70, 69, 71. 211: G Koch, 70, 72, 69, G Sauers, 70, 71, 70, J Mahaffey, 67, 75, 69. 212: T Nakajima (Japan), 73, 72, 67, F Zoeller, 67, 74, 71, E Fiori, 67, 73, 72, W Levi, 70, 71, 71, D Mast, 70, 70, 72, M Hulbert, 74, 69, 69, M Wiebe, 71, 70, 71, D Halldorson (Can), 70, 71, 71.

Schwantz opens season with first-time victory

Suzuka (Reuter) – Kevin Schwantz, of the United States, outpaced reigning motor cycling world champion, Wayne Gardner, of Australia, to clinch his first 500cc Grand Prix victory in the season's opening race yesterday.

Schwantz, who started from third place on the grid, finished in 50min 03.75sec over the 128.9-kilometre course, nearly nine seconds ahead of Gardner. His lead was never more than one or two seconds until the latter half of the final lap when Gardner briefly ran off the track.

Twice world champion, Eddie Lawson, came in third but the American, on a Yamaha, finished more than 12sec behind Schwantz and was never quite in touch with the leaders.

In the 250cc class, defending champion Anton Mang, of West Germany, on a Honda, moved up from the sixteenth starting position to lead the race from the second lap.

RESULTS: 500cc (22 laps, 128.9 km): 1, K Schwantz (US) Suzuki, 50:03.750 (average speed 154.496 kph); 2, W Gardner (Aus), Honda, 50:12.134; 3, E Lawson (US), Yamaha, 50:16.474; 4, N Mackenzie (GB), Honda, 50:19.535; 5, T Tawa (Japan), Yamaha, 50:40.133; 6, W Rainey (US), Yamaha, 50:45.820. Others: 12, R Haslam (GB), Honda, 51:23.795. 250cc: 1, A Mang (WG, Honda-Rothmans), 22 laps in 47:14.264 (average speed 148.850 km/h); 2, S Pons (Sp, Honda-Campsa), 47:14.880; 3,

Foulds trails Davies

Steve Davis trained his sights on a fifth title of the season after taking a 5-2 first-session lead over a fellow-Londoner, Neal Foulds, in their best-of-17 frames Benson and Hedges Irish Masters final at Goughs, Co Kildare, yesterday (Steve Acteson writes).

A cheque for £26,000 awaits the winner, with £16,000 for the runner-up.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: N Foulds (Eng) bt T Griffiths (Wales), 6-4. Frame scores (Foulds first): 56-41, 0-143, 54-61, 82-44, 9-85, 85-8, 80-49, 73-22, 11-80, 68-6. S Davis (Eng) bt A Higgins (N Ire), 6-2. Frame scores (Davis first): 80-18, 62-59, 47-57, 61-60, 130-0, 56-20, 65-41, 67-57. Final: Davis leads Foulds 5-2 (best of 17 frames). Frame scores (Davis first): 90-1, 35-63, 74-19, 85-19, 16-61, 69-30, 70-35.

Witt pleads for fight against money men

From John Hennesy, Budapest

The moderate performances of the women free skaters in the world championship here on Saturday, coupled with that of the men the night before, strongly suggests there is no room for this event in an Olympic year.

With few exceptions, the competitors, men and women, went through the motions three weeks after summoning up all their courage and concentration for Calgary.

But the merging of the two events, recommended on Saturday by Katarina Witt after adding a fourth world title to her second Olympic gold medal, may never happen. The revenue from television, as much as $1 million (about £540,000) in favourable circumstances, is too powerful an incentive.

Joanne Conway struggled gamely to overcome an injured knee and, with a tenth place overall, gives Britain the right to send a second skater to next year's world championship in Paris. But Gina Fulton, anchored in last place among the 24 who qualify for the free skating, now, hardly seems to have the credentials.

RESULTS: Men: Final standings:1, B Boitano (US), 4.2pts;2, B Orser (Can), 4.8;3, V Petrenko (USSR), 9.8.Women: Final standings: 1, K Witt (EG), 2.4; 2, E Manley (Can), 4.8; 3, D Thomas (US), 6.2. British: 10, J Conway, 20.2; 24, G Fulton, 44.8.

Davies trails Korean leader by six shots

From Patricia Davies, Phoenix, Arizona

Brain-draining heat of 100° F is rarely encountered on the European Tour but the Phoenix, Arizona, variety seems to be having little adverse effect on the golf games of Laura Davies and Liselotte Neumann.

Going into the last round of the Standard Register Turquoise Classic at Moon Valley yesterday, they were both four under par, just six shots behind the leader, Ok-Hee Ku, of South Korea.

Davies had three birdies in her third round of 70 and did not drop a shot, while Neumann returned a 71 for a total of 215. Both had plenty of birdie chances but their putters failed to get as hot as the weather, leaving them a lot of work to do yesterday.

Ku, in her third year on the tour, has yet to win a title but she has been in contention several times and might not prove a brittle front runner. To complete the European picture, Trish Johnson and Caroline Pierce failed to make the half-way cut after a poor first round.

LEADING THIRD ROUND SCORES: 209: Ok-Hee Ku (S Kor), 71, 68, 70. 211: G Walker, 67, 71, 73. A Alcott, 65, 73, 73. R Jones, 70, 71, 70. 212: A Okamoto (Japan), 71, 71, 70. 213: J Inkster, 72, 71, 70; D Ammaccapane, 70, 72, 71; D Mochrie, 70, 72, 71. 214: H Farr, 74, 69, 71. 215: L Neumann (Swe), 74, 70, 71; L Davies, 75, 70, 70; K Postlewait, 72, 71, 72; J Geddes, 73, 74, 68. Other scores: 219 M Figueras-Dotti (Sp), 72, 72, 75.

McCrory defence

Glenn McCrory is to make the first defence of his British and Commonwealth cruiserweight title against Lou Gent at the Gateshead on April 22. McCrory once beat Gent in the junior Amateur Boxing Association final.

Webster back from injury to win title again

Darryl Webster made a successful comeback from a knee operation in November by winning his first professional race (Peter Bryan writes).

Webster, three times a winner as an amateur, made it a record four and was the only rider under the hour, winning convincingly in 59min 28sec in yesterday's Porthole grand prix 25-mile time trial around Windermere.

The 107 competitors concentrated on a course of 300 corners and a similar number of climbs and descents.

"That's made my day," Webster said, "It wasn't bad for a one-legged rider." Dave Smith, the amateur, responded to the cheers of spectators to move from third to second, 1min 13sec behind Webster, and displace Ian Fagan, the professional who led the winning team.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Victory is soured

Sharjah (Reuter) – A dispute between Mohinder Amarnath, who scored 102 not out, and Ian Smith, the New Zealand wicketkeeper, marred India's passage into the final of the Sharjah Cup competition yesterday.

India beat New Zealand by 93 runs, making 267 for six and restricting New Zealand to 194 for eight. An argument developed when an umpire rejected an appeal for caught behind off Amarnath who later allegedly accused Smith of making racist remarks and claiming India cheated.

Date switched

New York (AFP) – The United States open tennis championships, which traditionally start on a Tuesday, have been moved forward 24 hours to start on August 29.

Smith: at centre of row

Perfect foil

Ann Brannon won the women's De Beaumont foil International Cup, beating Linda Strachan 9-7 yesterday.

Jones illness

Steve Jones, the British marathon runner, retired from the Pearl Assurance Fleet half-marathon at Aldershot yesterday, suffering from influenza.

Coach angered

Portsmouth secured a place in the final of the NatWest Trophy basketball final with a 80-72 victory over Polycell Kingston after the referees had twice changed their minds about the deciding shot amid protest from Dennis Roach, the Kingston coach.

Lillee decision

Hobart (AP) – The playing future of the former Test cricketer, Dennis Lillee, will be known today when the result of an investigation into a complaint of his behavior is made public by the Australian Cricket Board.

Record swim

Orlando (AFP) – Janet Evans, of the United States, lowered her 1,500 metres freestyle world record to 15min 52.10sec in the winter championship here on Saturday.

Pakistanis play with care

From Richard Streeton, Georgetown, Guyana

The Pakistanis treated the final day of their match with the Board XI yesterday as practice for the one-day game and Test match later this week. Several minor injuries was another factor in their decision, which was stoically accepted by the crowd.

Pakistani intentions became clear on Saturday evening, when they did not enforce the follow-on after gaining a lead of 154 runs. They lost Moin-ul-Atiq overnight before Mudassar Nazar and Shoaib Mohammad stayed together until after lunch.

Play began 15 minutes late because slight drizzle in the early morning – the first rain locally for almost three months – left the field slippery. Mudassar hit Butts, the off-spinner, for a straight six. Otherwise, the game meandered along quietly with a draw looking inevitable.

Mudassar had batted almost three and a half hours when he played on against a sharply turning ball from Butts. The second-wicket pair had put on 104 in 31 overs. Shoaib seemed determined to make another hundred, but at 165 he square-cut a catch to backward point.

Keith Arthurton, a left-hander from Nevis, enhanced his chances of an England tour this summer when he held the Board XI's innings together on Saturday with a solid century.

Imran provided the only menace in the Pakistani attack which lacked Abdul Qadir (bruised leg) and Hafiz Shahid (thigh strain). Another casualty was Saleem Yousuf.

Ijaz Faqih, the Pakistani off-spinner, arrived here to join the touring team yesterday. He replaces Tauseef Ahmed, who injured a shoulder and flies home tomorrow.

PAKISTANIS: First Innings 495 for 9 dec (Shoaib Mohammad 206 not out, Aamir Malik 51).

Second Innings

Mudassar Nazar b Butts	72
Moin-ul-Atiq c Seeram b Gray	22
Shoaib Mohammad c Dhanraim b Harper	43
Salim Malik not out	9
Aamir Malik not out	9
Extras	21
Total (for 3 wkts)	176

Hafiz Shahid, Ijaz Ahmed, *Imran Khan, Nawed Anjum, †Saleem Yousuf and Abdul Qadir to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-145, 3-165.

WEST INDIES BOARD XI: First Innings

C B Lambert b Imran	28
S Dhanraim b Imran	1
P V Simmons b Hafiz	20
K L T Arthurton c Aamir Malik b Salim Malik	132
R Seeram b Imran	25
*R A Harper lbw b Imran	0
D J Collymore c and b Salim Malik	25
†D Williams c and b Salim Malik	10
C G Butts c Aamir Malik b Mudassar	48
A H Gray st Aamir Malik b Salim Malik	15
I R Bishop not out	6
Extras (b 8, lb 16, nb 6, w 1)	31
Total	341

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-50, 3-56, 4-101, 5-101, 6-181, 7-200, 8-314, 9-321, 10-341.
BOWLING: Imran 21-4-75-4; Hafiz 7-0-27-1; Anjum 13-2-28-0; Qadir 0.2-0-8-0; Shoaib 8.4-1-21-0; Mudassar 14-1-51-1; Salim Malik 21.4-0-101-4; Atiq 3-0-6-0.
Umpires: R Haynes and Mohamed Baksh.

Appelgren sees off the opposition

Paris – Sweden, a country of only a few thousand table tennis players, emulated some of its extraordinary lawn tennis success by winning the European Men's Singles title for the third time in a row, before 12,000 people here yesterday.

There was, however, a surprise winner – Mikael Appelgren, the former World Cup holder whose injured shoulder, four years ago, seemed to have ended his top-level success. He beat the favourite, Jan-Ove Waldner, and then, in the final, the Soviet Union No. 1, Andrei Mazunov, 21-15, 21-14, 18-21, 21-12.

Fliura Bulatova, of the Soviet Union, won the women's singles 15-21, 21-10, 16-21, 21-15, 21-12, against Otilia Badescu, of Romania.

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